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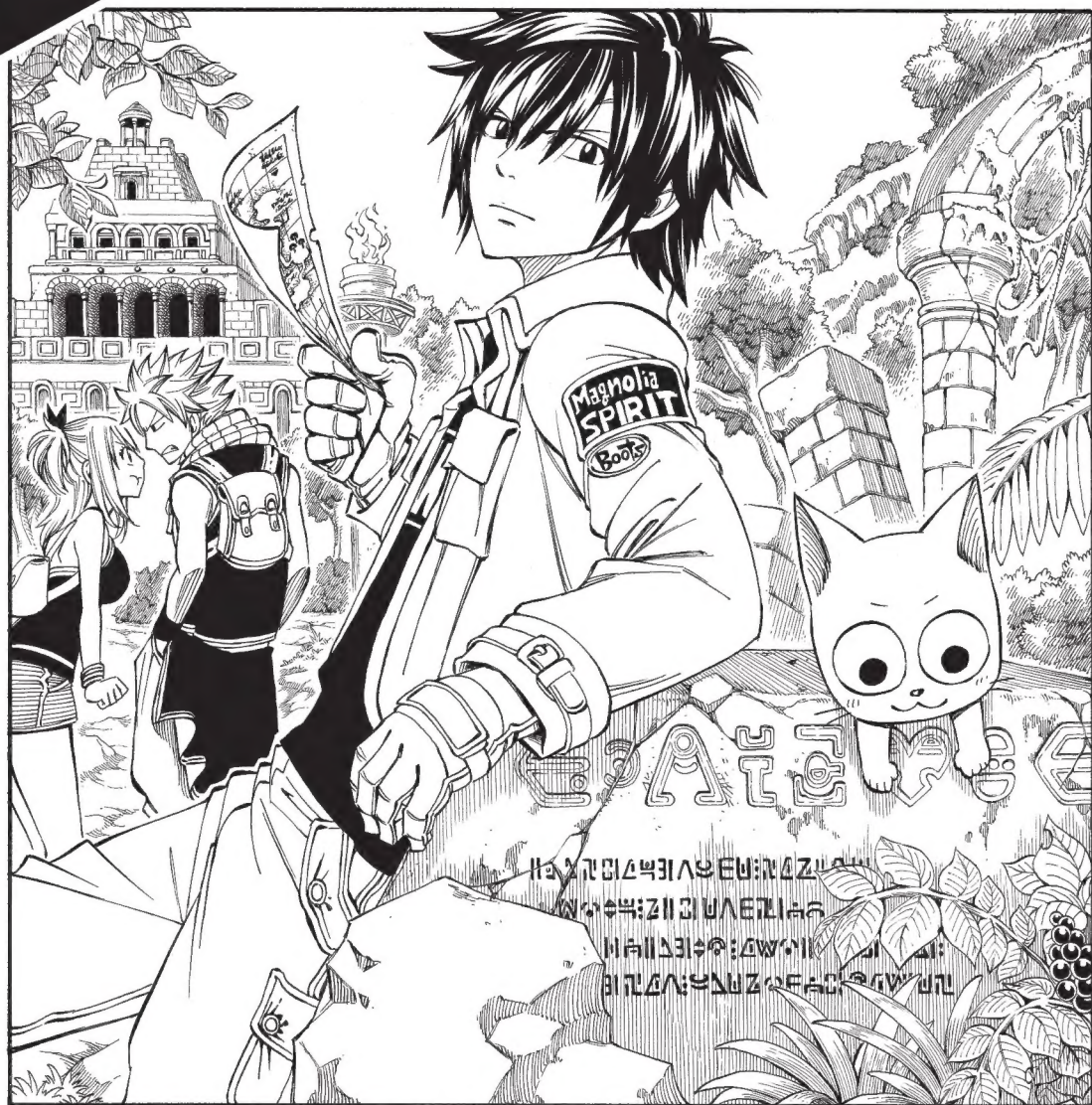


Hiro Mashima Creator of Rave Master

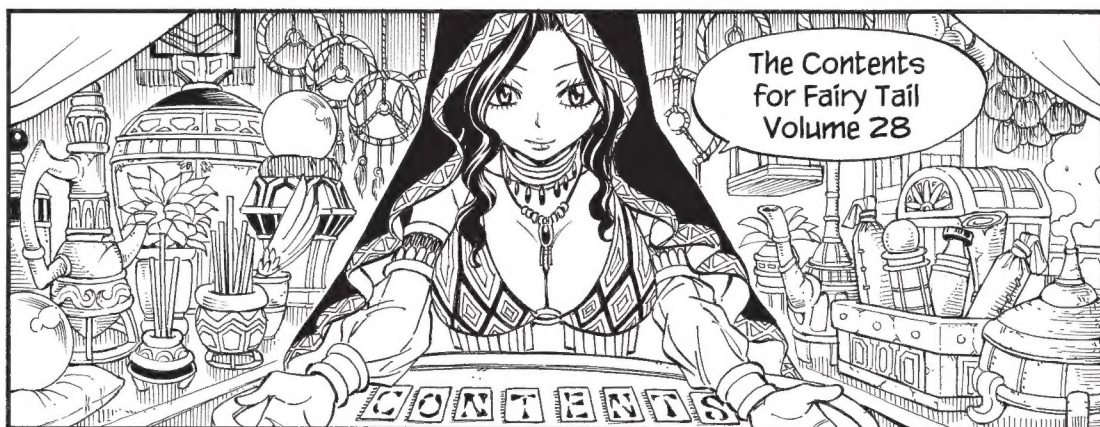
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HIRO MASHIMA



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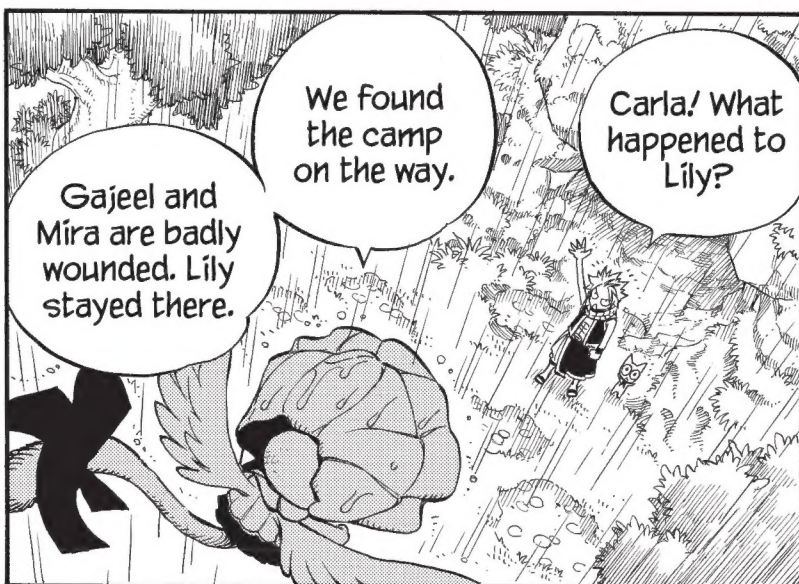
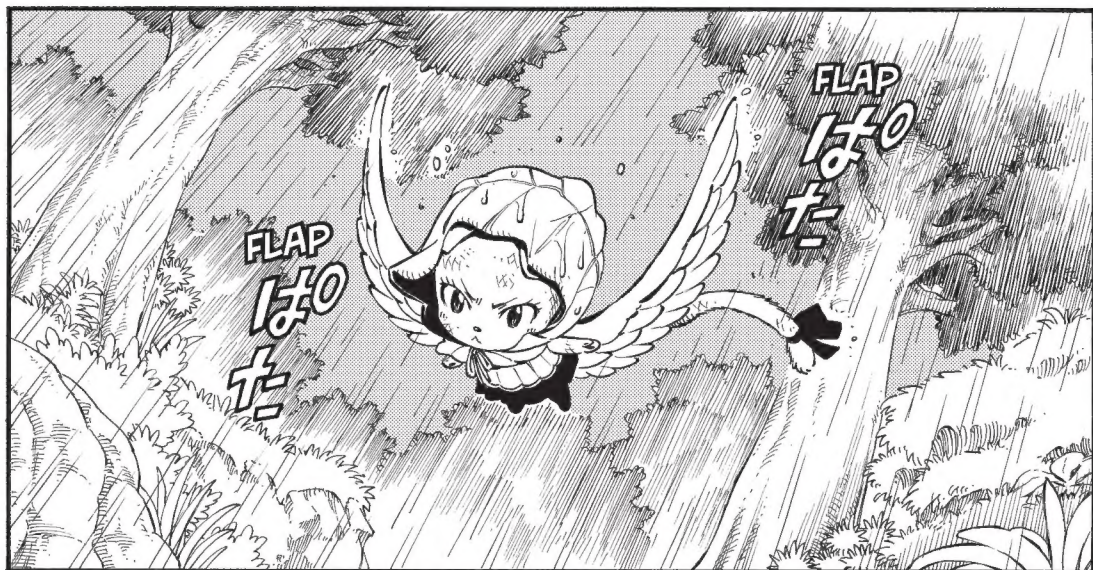
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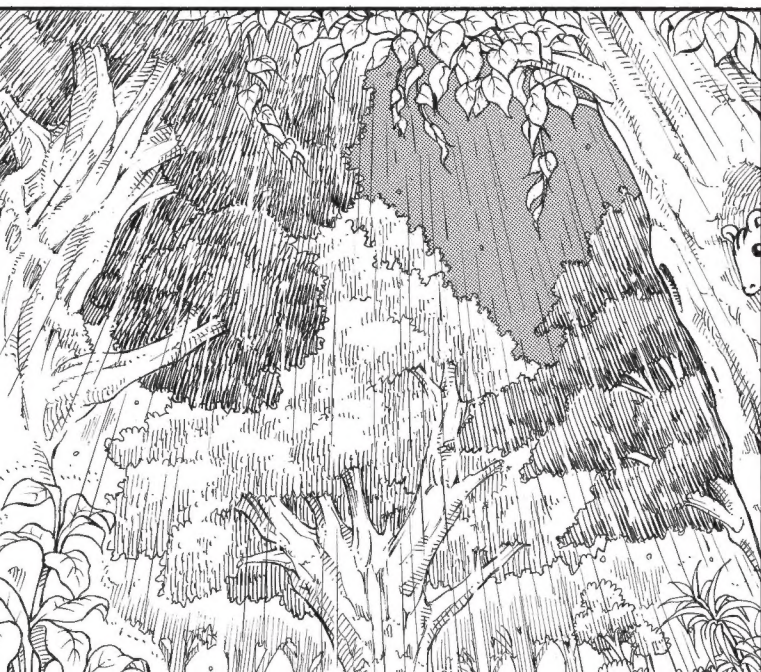


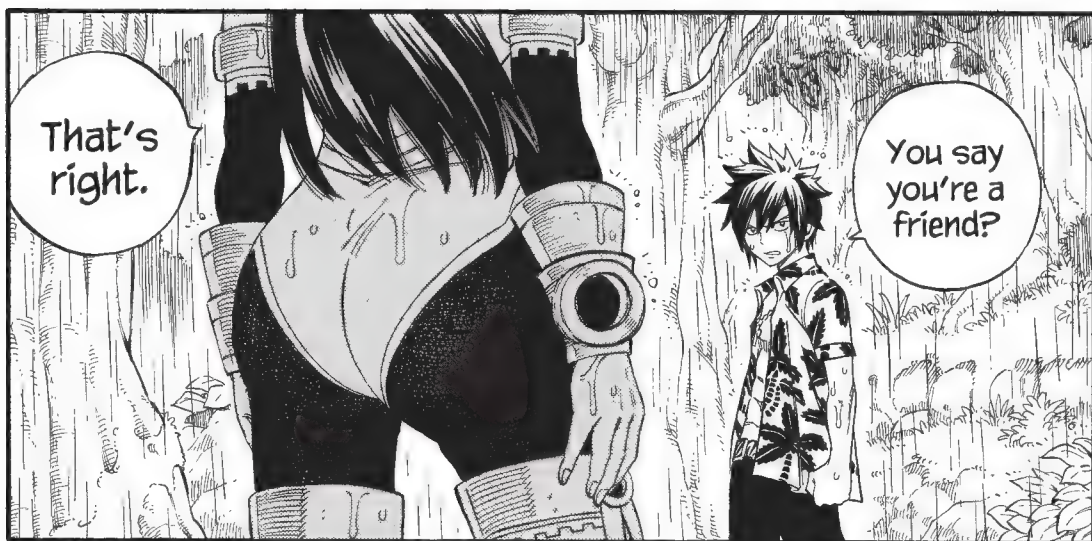


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That isn't all, it's probable that Deliora is also a demon from the Book of Zeref.

That's right!!!
Deliora was the cause of Ur's death
!!!!

And it was Zeref who made Deliora, right?!!



You mean Zeref?



How?

You're wrong, Gray.



And now you're all trying to use Zeref to make that ridiculous World of Magic?!!!



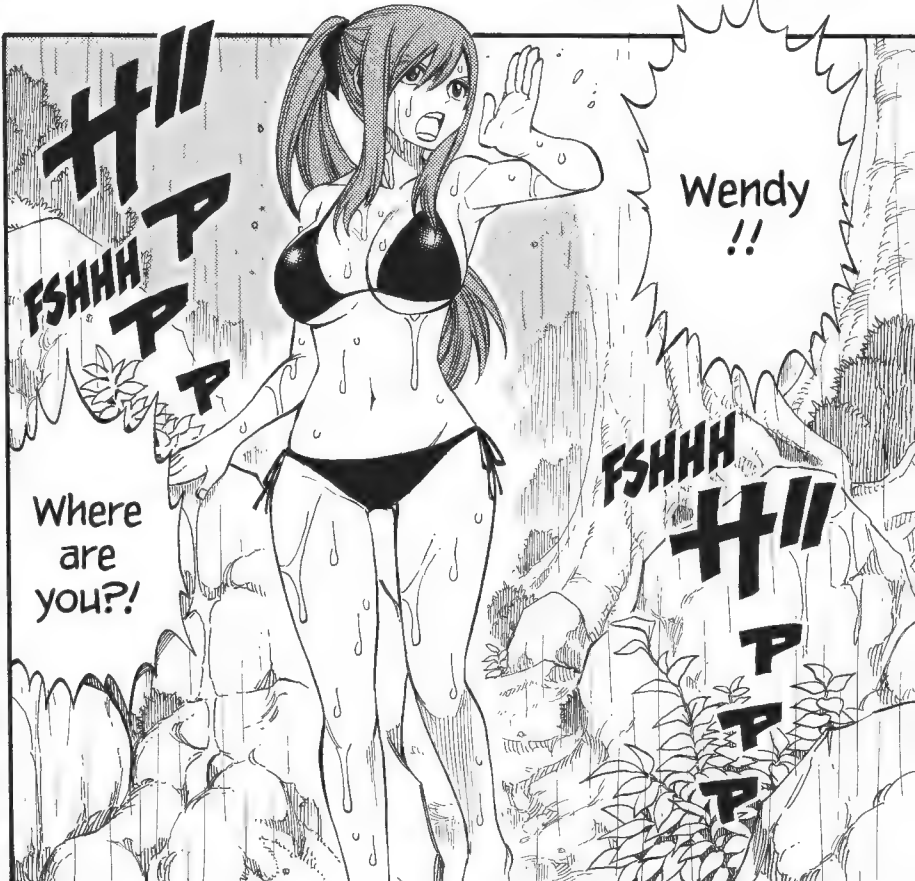
Ur's will!



What I am doing is my mother's...



You're Erza
Scarlet,
yes?



FSHHH
P
P

Where
are
you?!

Wendy
!!

FSHHH
+
P
P
P



I finally
meet the
truly strong
one.

Titania
the Fairy
Queen!

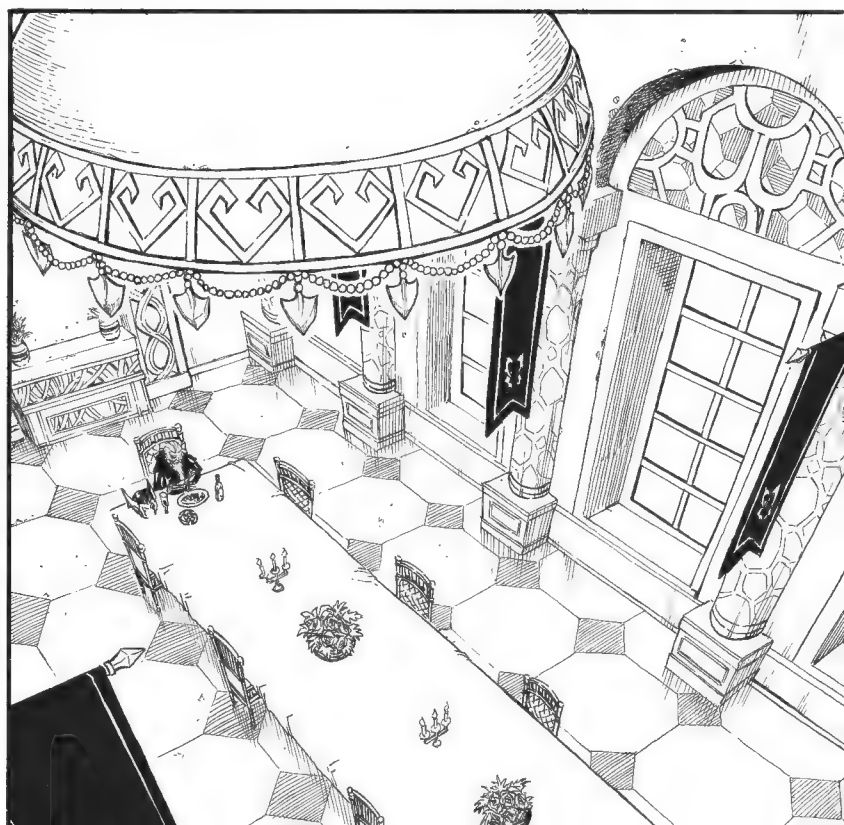


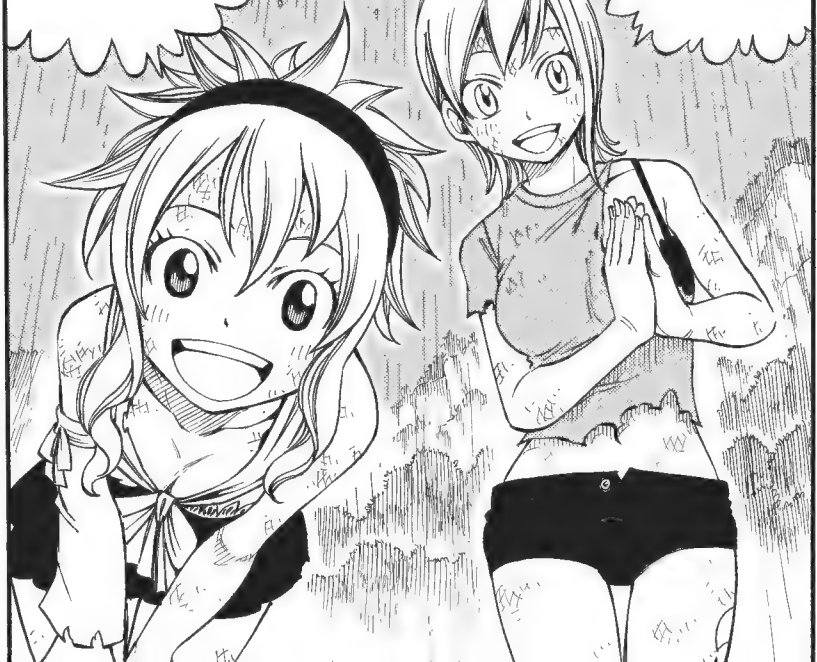
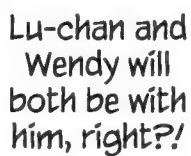
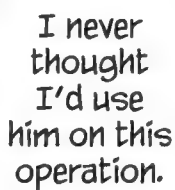
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BLUUM

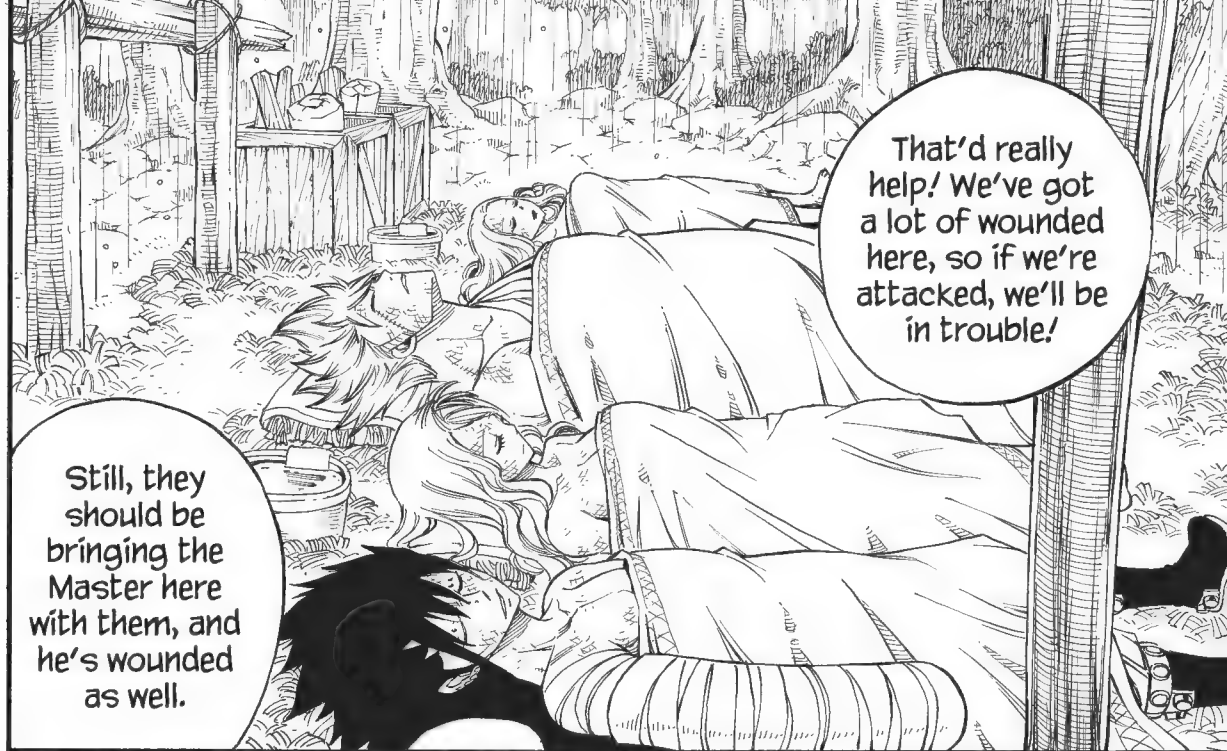


Who is
there?!









That'd really help! We've got a lot of wounded here, so if we're attacked, we'll be in trouble!

Still, they should be bringing the Master here with them, and he's wounded as well.



If we all combine our strength, I'm sure...

Yeah, I know. We'll never give up!!



Levy!

You mean even the Master was taken out...?



And our superiority makes my heart tremble.

There are levels of superiority in this world that can never be overcome.



Surrender is important, too.



Every
single
fairy...

...shall be
consumed
...



Can
I even
switch
into battle
mode?

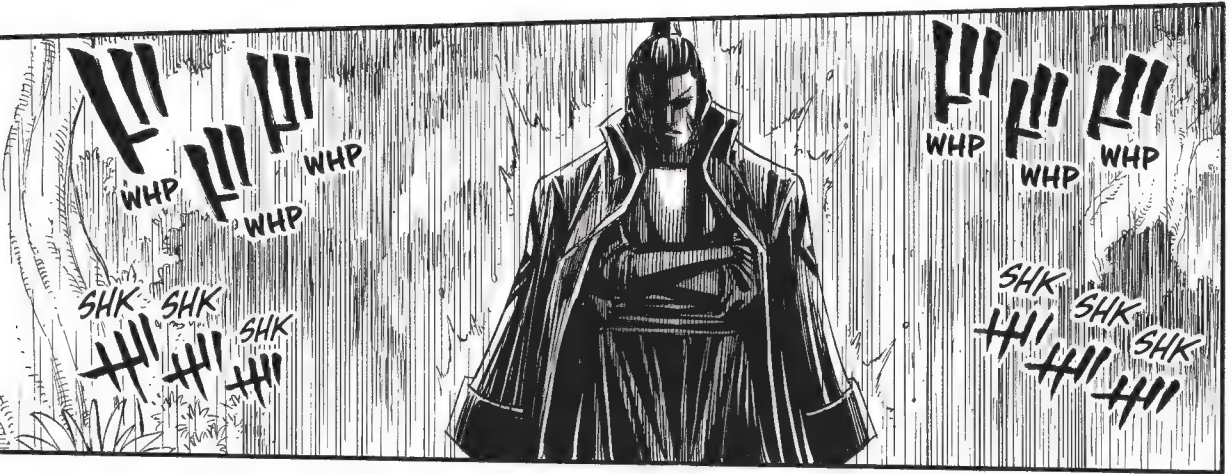
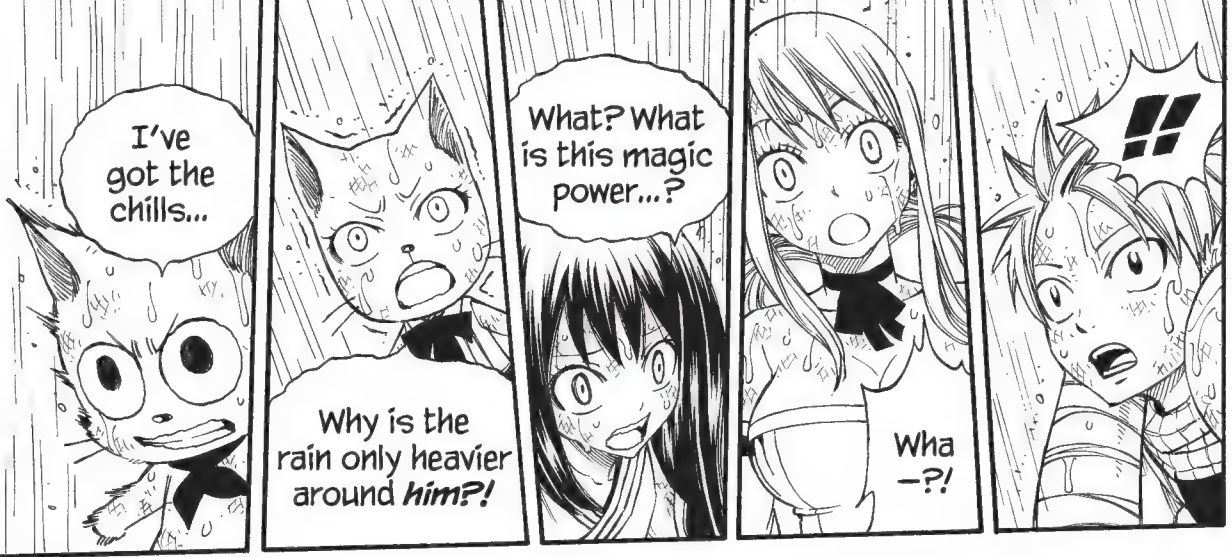
This
is bad
...!!!



...all our
magic's
exhausted!

Levy,
Lily,
me...







**GRIMOIRE HEART
SUBCOMMANDER
BLUE NOTE STINGER**





You mean there's another monster on this island?!



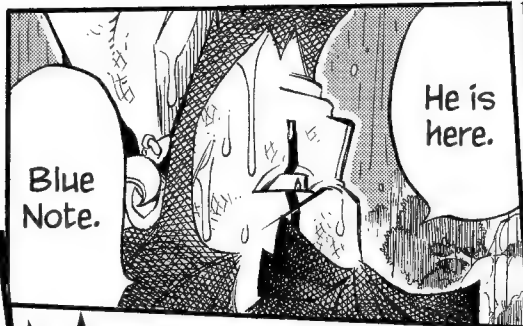
What's that?!

It's incredible magic power...!!



...intent on interfering with my meal.

A troublesome one has arrived...

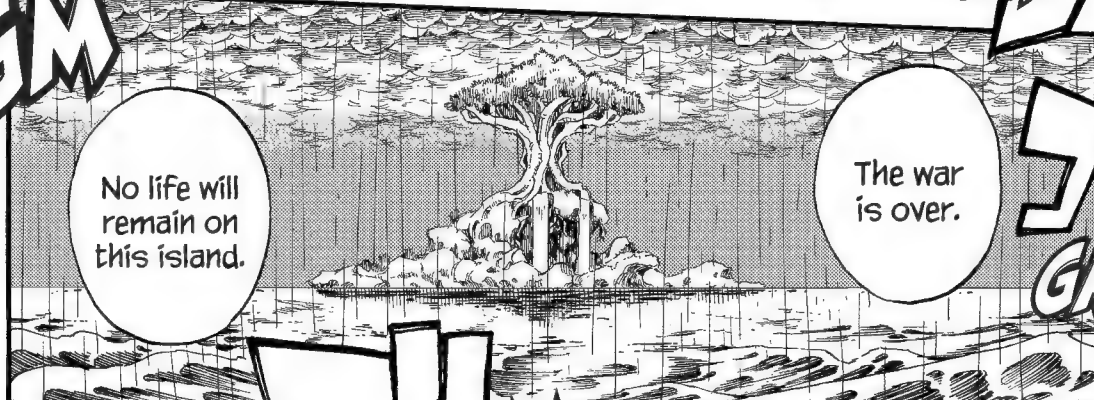


Blue Note.

He is here.

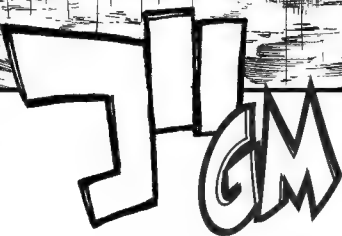


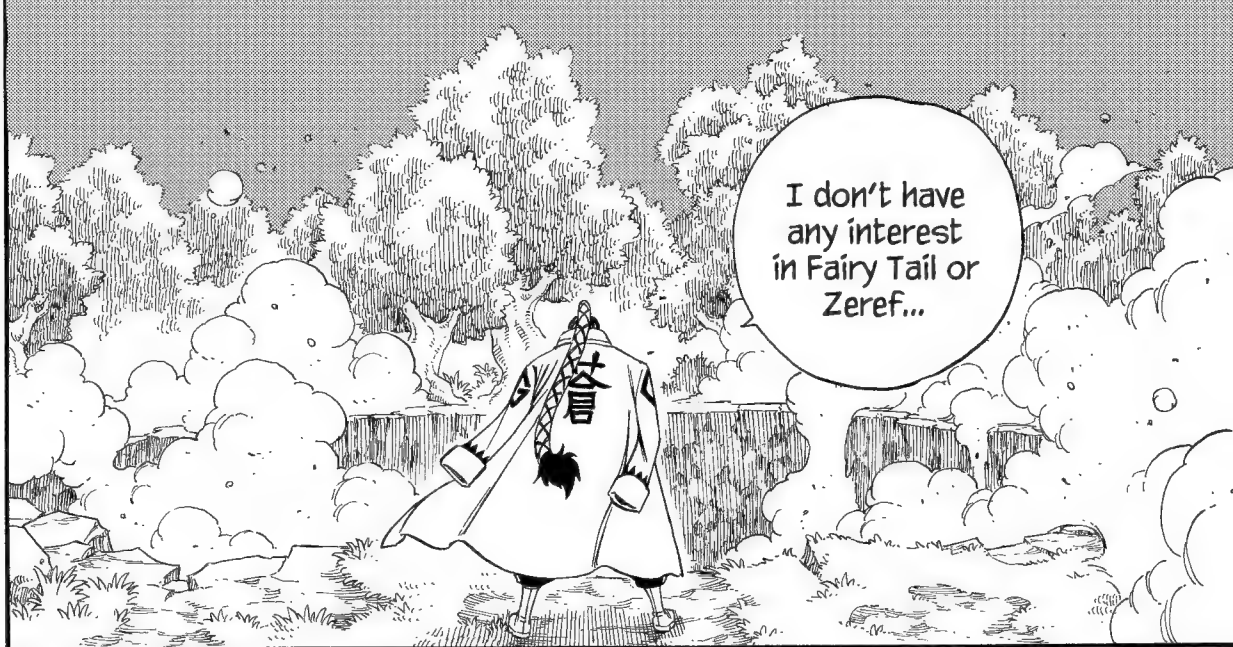
Who is this ...?!!

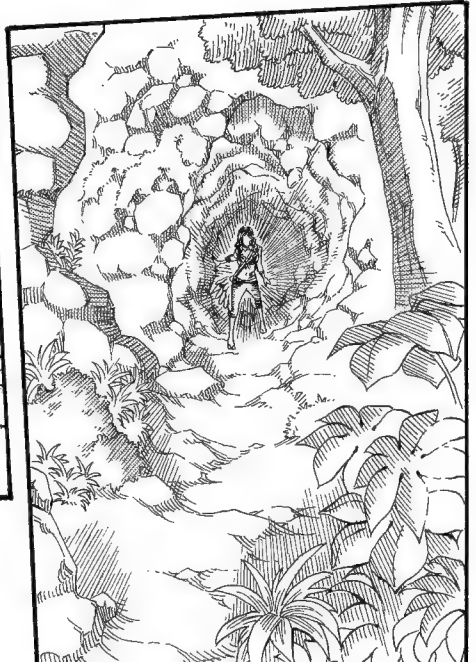
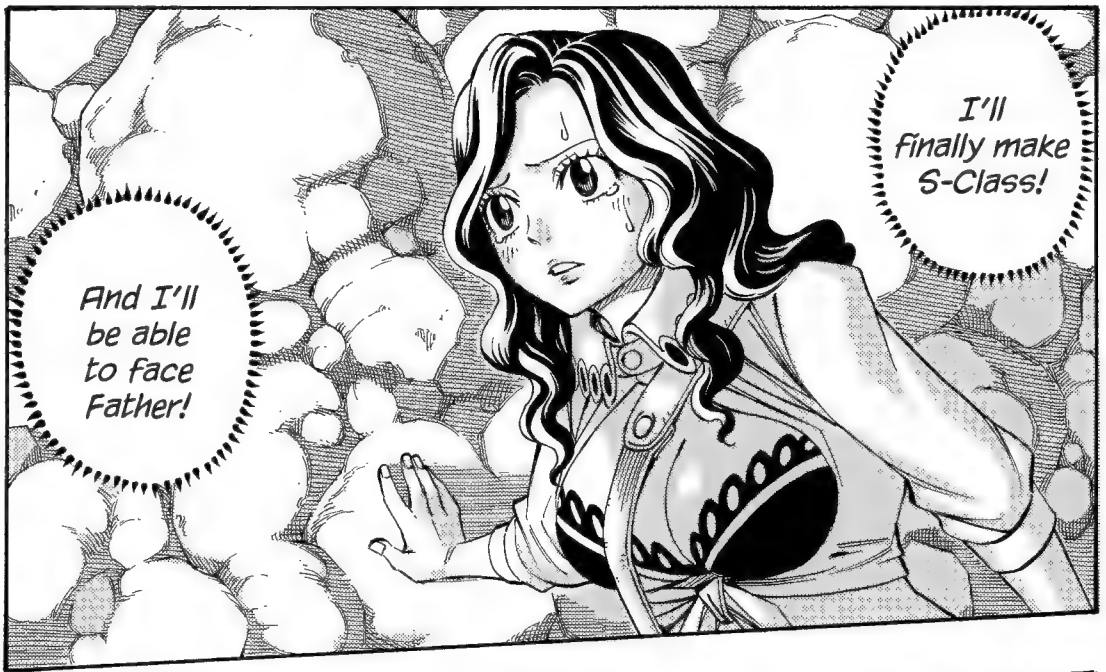
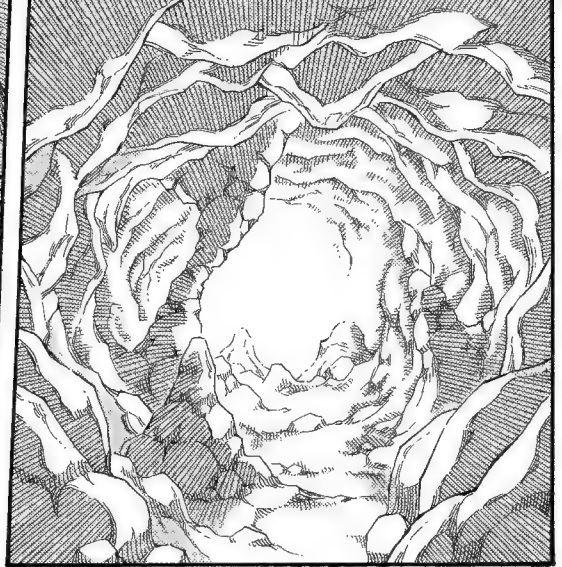


No life will remain on this island.

The war is over.









The
grave...

...is
glowing

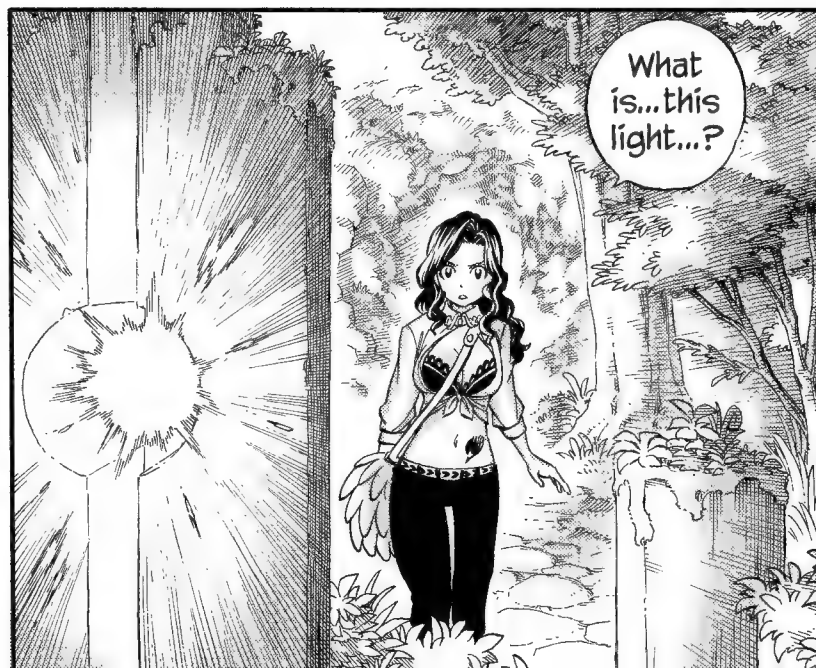
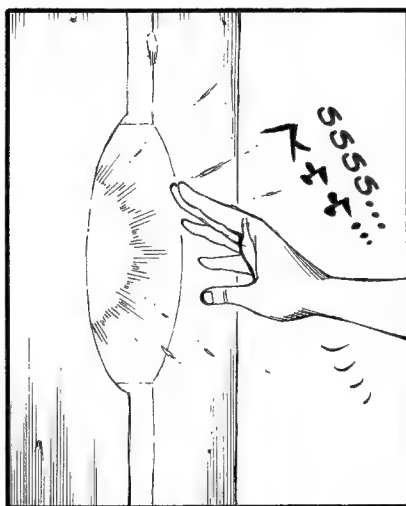
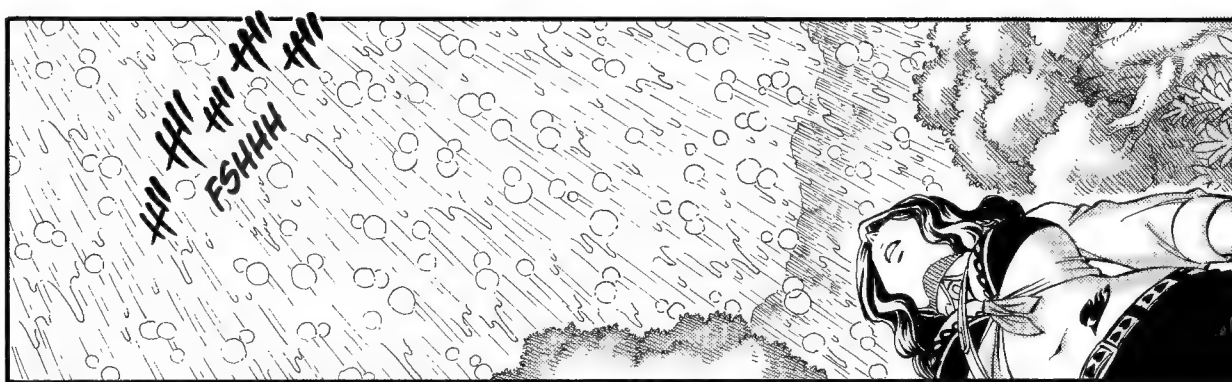
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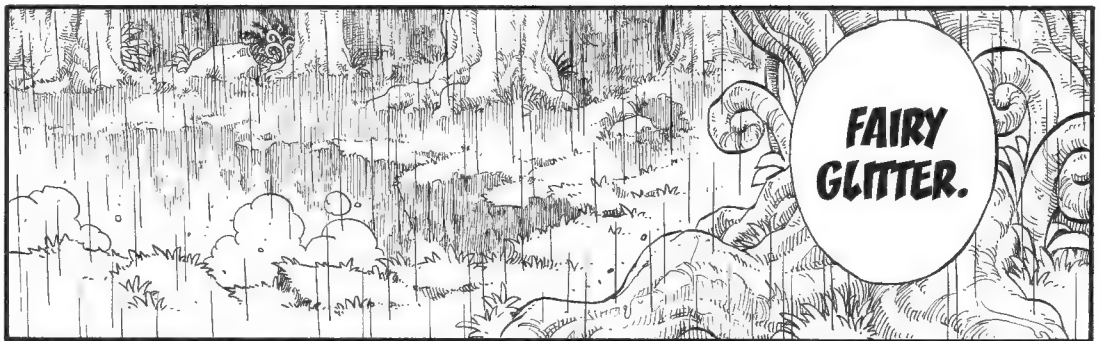
PA PA PA
SHEEN

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Chapter 232: The Word I Couldn't Say







C-crushing me...



Natsu-san!

Natsu !!

GWAHAH!!



Happy, hang in there!

Never heard of it-

Bgah!



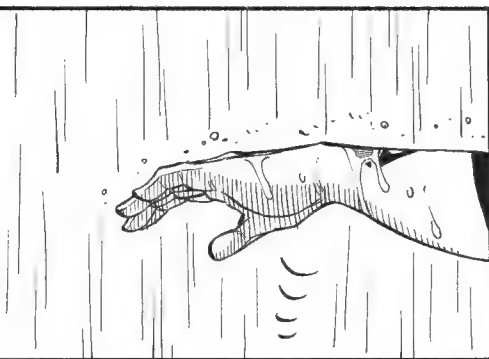
The "glitter" is a light that doesn't suffer the presence of any enemy.



You creep !!!!



I want that magic.



So
you're
going to
tell me
where
that
grave is.



I hear it's
sealed in
the grave
of Master
Mavis.



Who
is this
guy...?



No...



Natsu!!



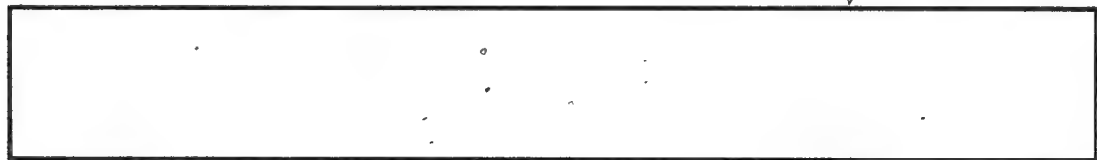
Ra...

Ra...
ahh!!



Did you
hear what
I said?







**My
father's
name is
Gildarts.**



What's a
little girl like
you doing in
a place like
this?



Hm?



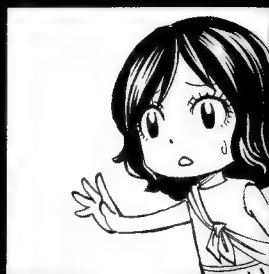
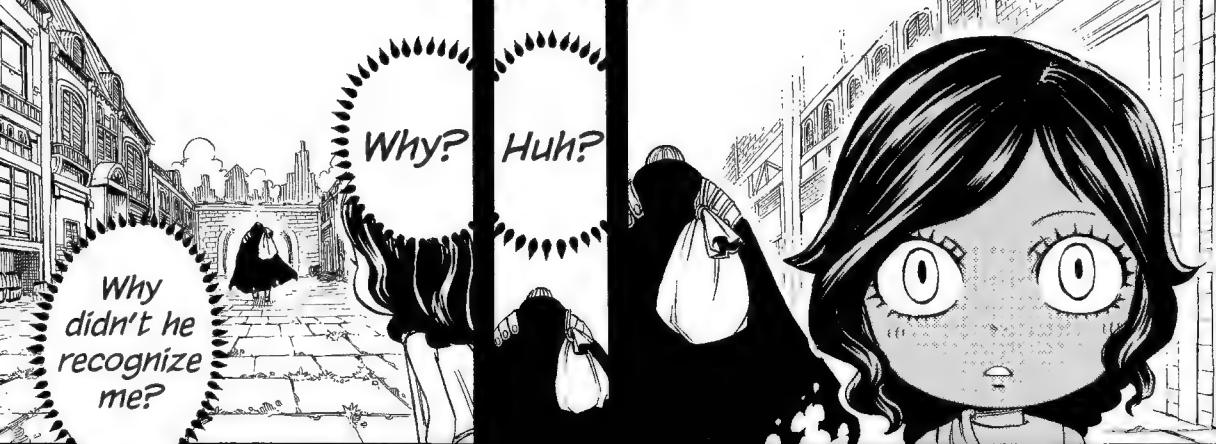
You stay here,
the smell of
liquor'll end
up on your
clothes!

You'd
better
get on
home.

...



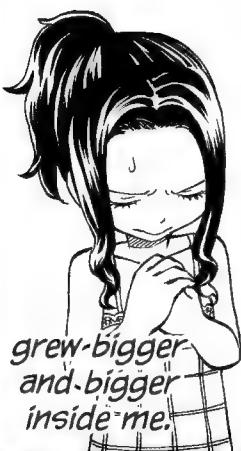
Father
...



And even
when he did,
he'd be right
out the door
again.

But Father
only returned
on rare
occasions.

The word I
couldn't say
to him...



Yeah,
right!

Gildarts,
you're late
for your
train!!



You've
grown,
Cana.

Yeah
...



And he
was the
strongest
wizard in
the guild.



Everybody
seemed
to like my
father.



...I
started
getting
scared
of letting
him know.

And as time
slipped away
without me
ever telling
him the
truth...



There
was no
comparison
between him
and me.

He was
always
shining...

I decided it then!! When I passed the test, I'd tell my father the truth!



Give it your best shot!

Then, before the S-Class wizard test...



I'm not on the same level as Father...



While Erza and Mira, who entered after I did, passed the test ahead of me.



But I took the test four times and failed it every time.



and leave town.



If I flunk out this time, I don't have the right to call myself Gildarts' daughter.



That's why I decided this would be my last time.

I'm thinking about maybe quitting the guild.

I'll never
let you
leave the
guild!!!!

Then I'll
be your
partner,
Cana!!!!



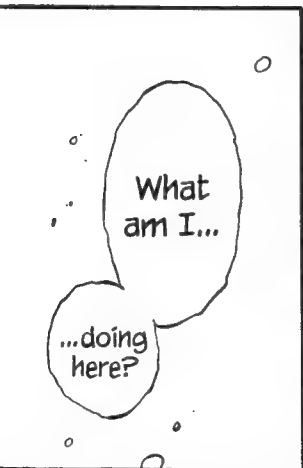
...I'll be
there to
help you
out!

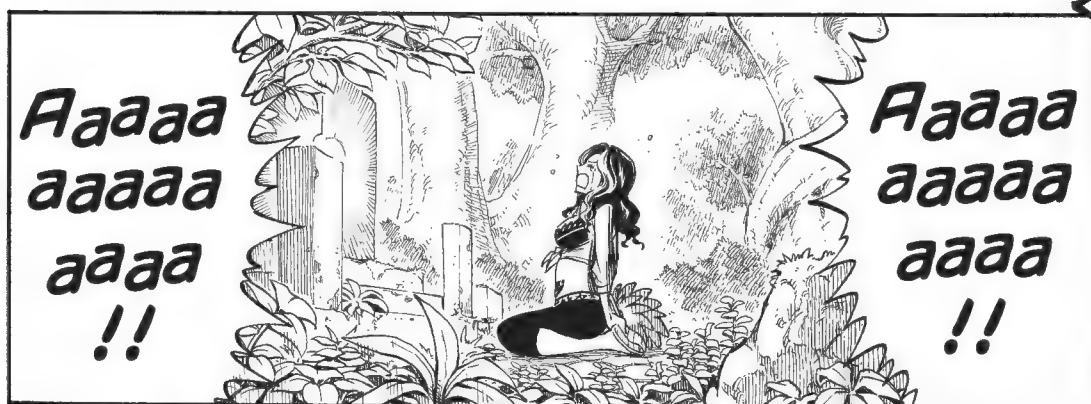
It's a special
card. If you
get in trouble,
Lucy, it'll let
me know.

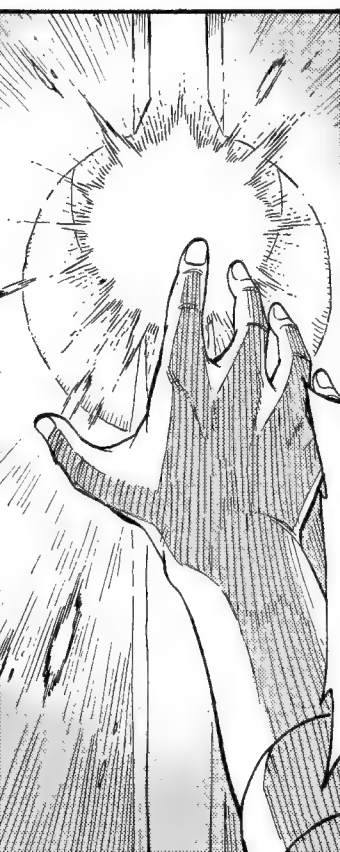
What? A
card?

If mine starts
to flash, I
don't care how
far away I
might be...











*I just
want my
friends
to be
okay!!!!*

*I don't
need
anything
!!!!*



*I don't
even need
to be in the
guild!!!!*



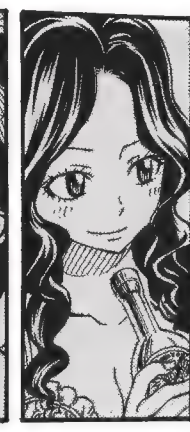
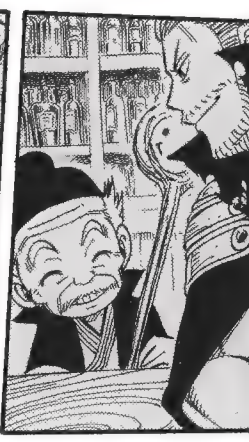
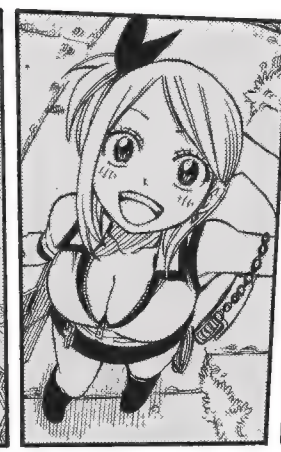
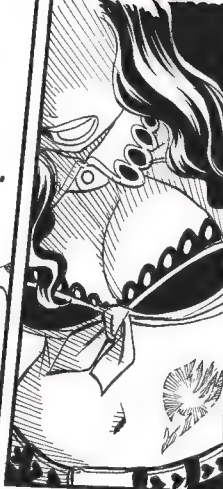
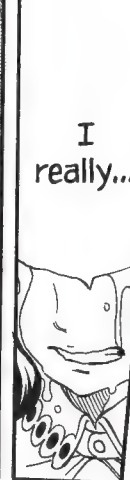
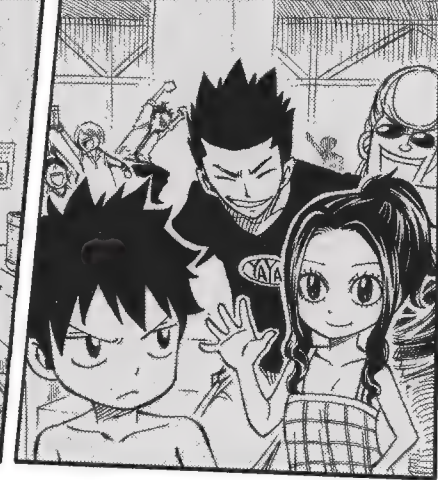
*...my heart
will always
stay in one
place!!!!*

*Wherever I
am...*



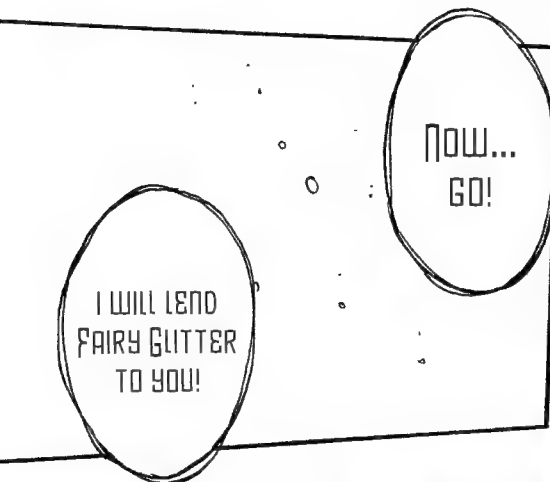
*Give me the
strength to
protect my
guild!!!!*

*So
please
!!!!*





That
voice...



Now...
GO!

I WILL LEND
FAIRY GLITTER
TO YOU!



...Master
Mavis!

Yes!

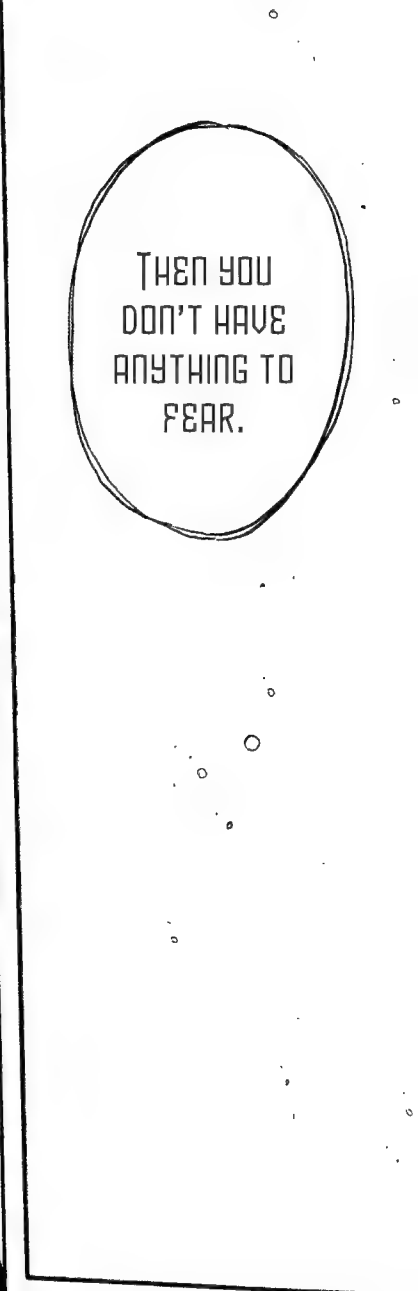


I am
fighting
for what
is most
important
to me!!!

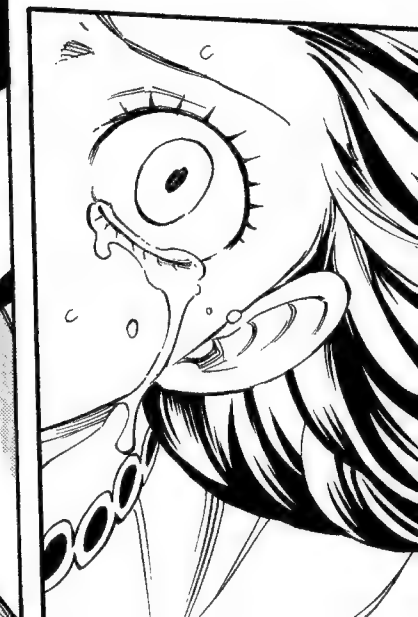


...BUT
SUSTENANCE
TO NURTURE
THE HEART!

MISTAKES ARE
NOT SHACKLES
TO HOLD YOU
BACK...



THEN YOU
DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING TO
FEAR.





*This may
be my
last fight
ever!!!!*

*I have to
repay you for
twelve years
of looking
after me...
my Fairy Tail
guildmates
!!!!*



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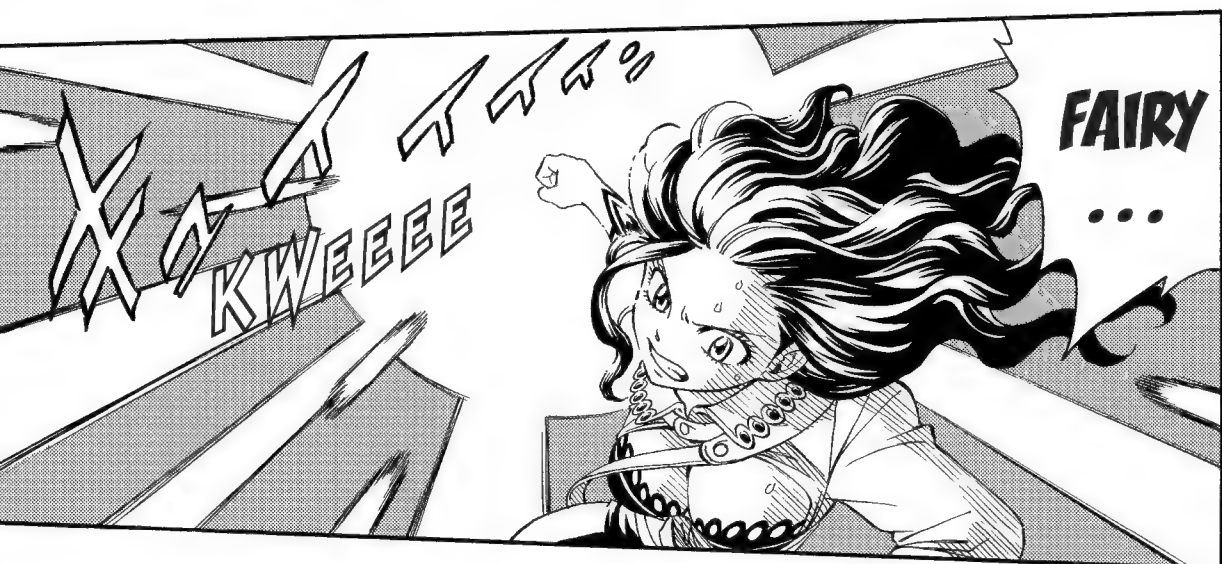




You're not
going to hurt
my friends
anymore!!!

KRTCH

SHPA



FAIRY
...

What
is that
magic?!

Light
?

It
can't
be...





Fairy Glitter
?!!



That
magic...
you
have...



Kh...



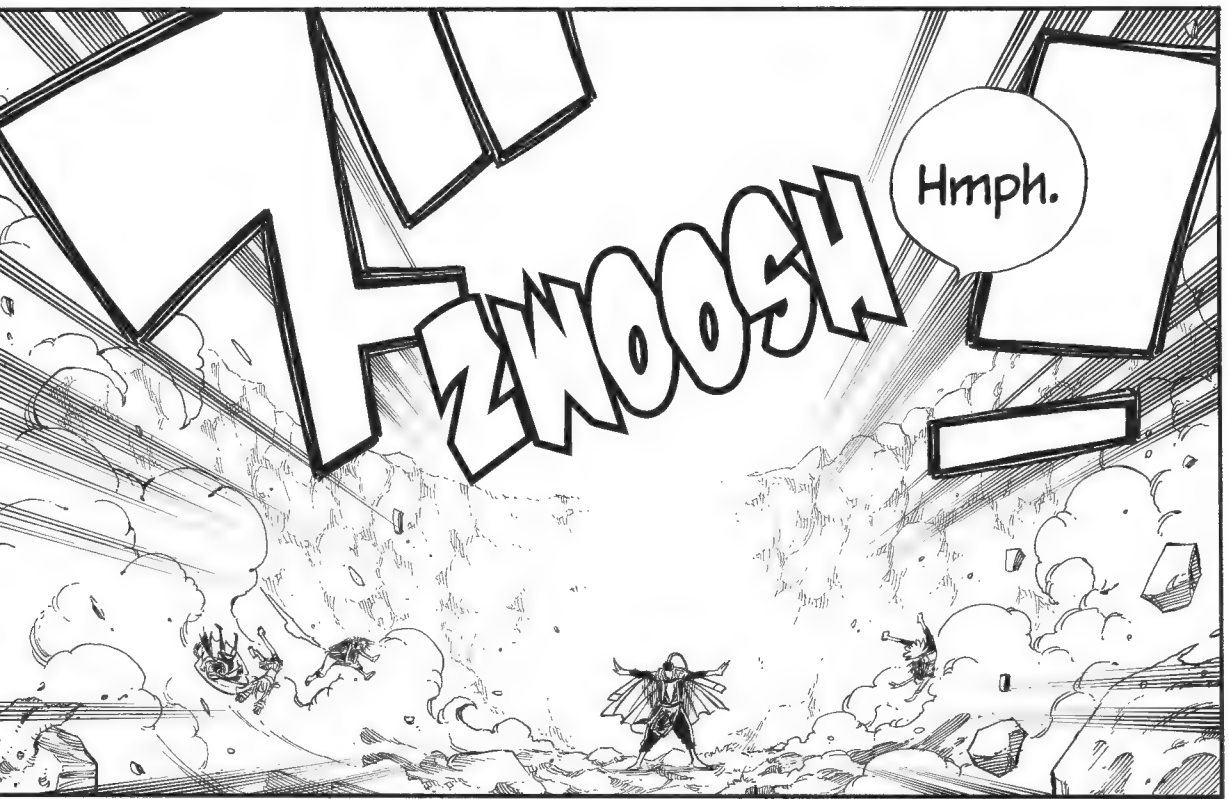
If I can
hit him with
this magic,
it'll definitely
defeat him!

But
you can
believe in
me now!



I'm not
going to make
excuses... I'll
just say that
I'm really
sorry...

Lucy, I'm
so sorry
I left you
here!

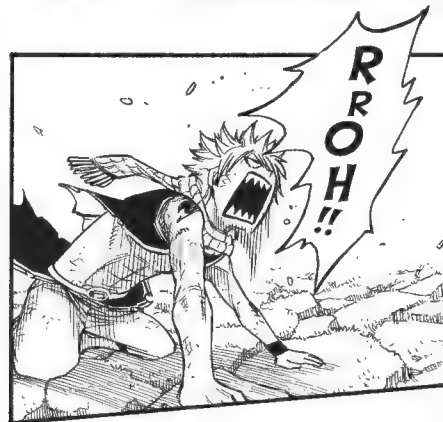


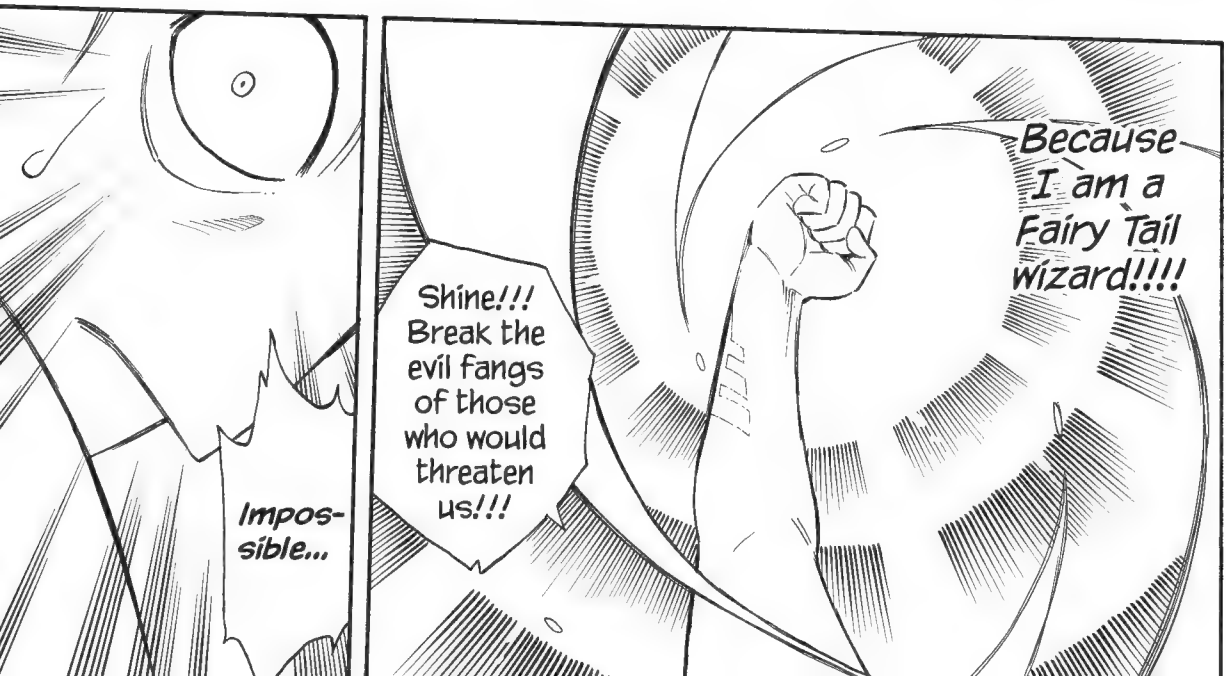
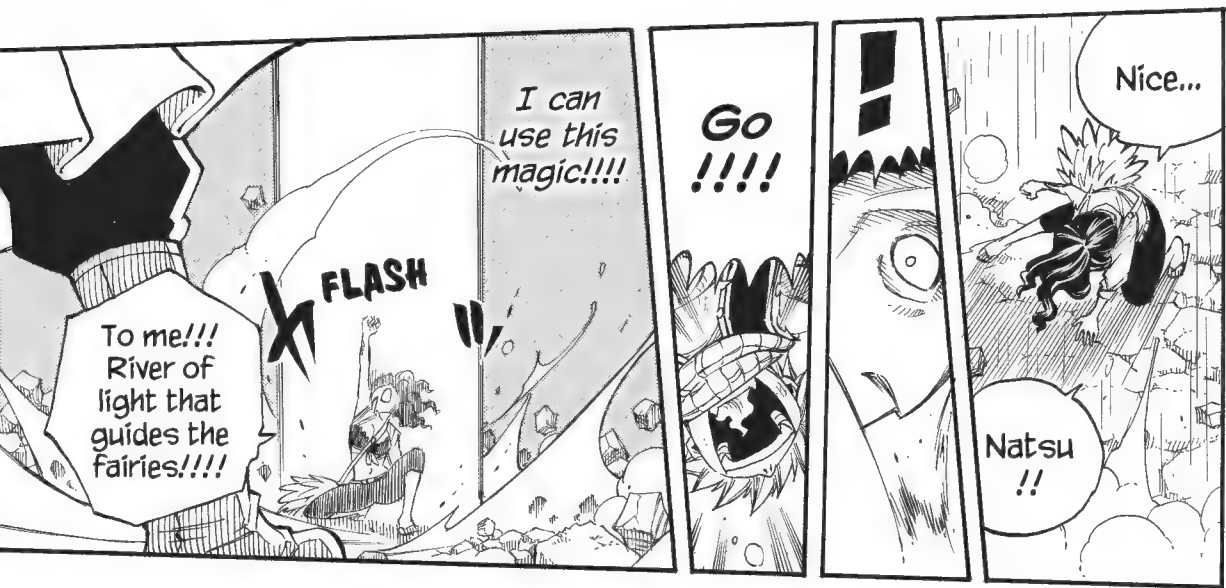


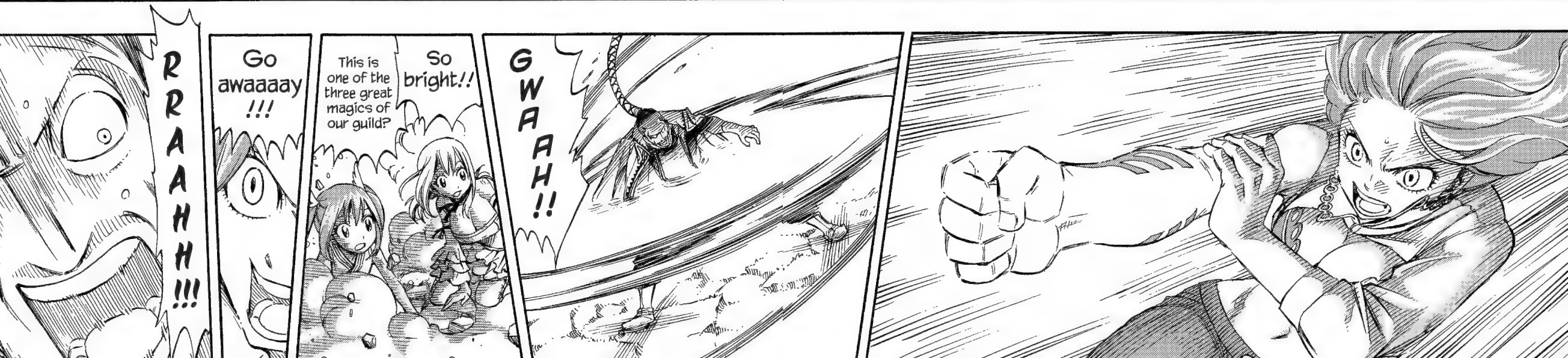


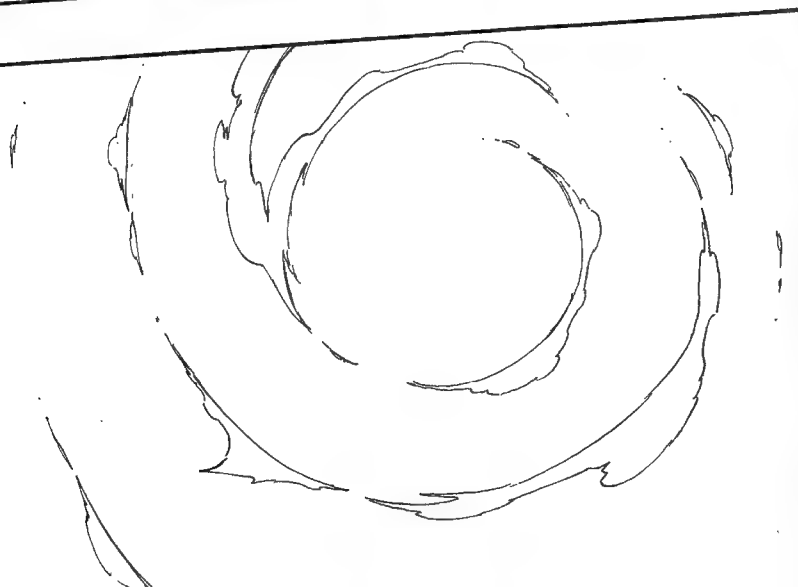
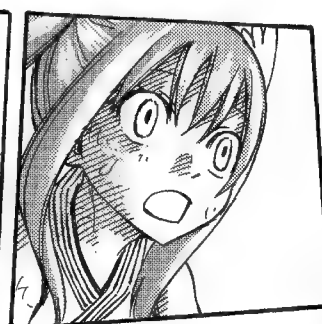
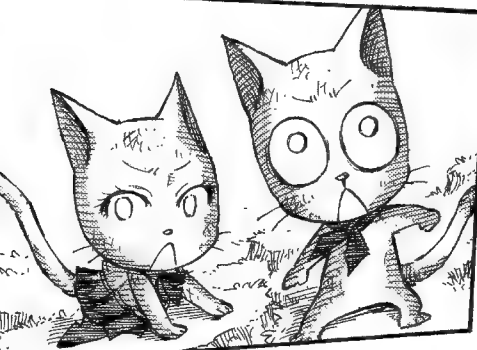
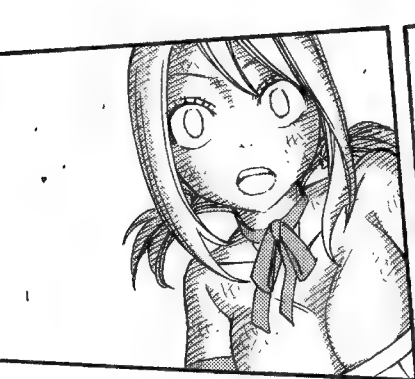
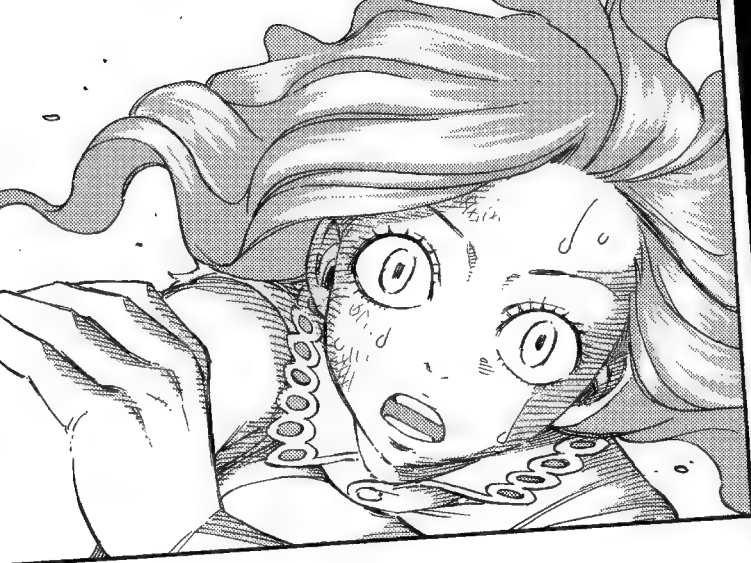


But don't worry. I'll take that magic for myself.





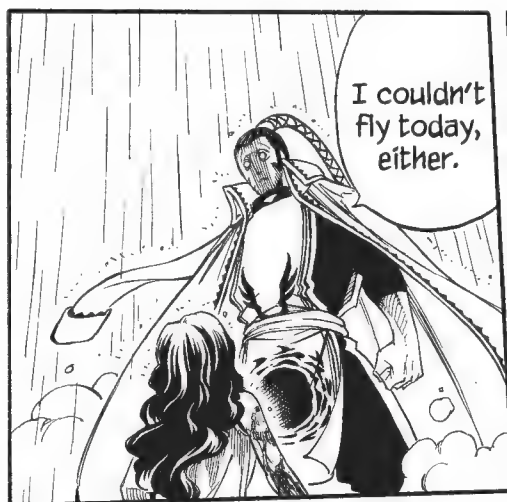


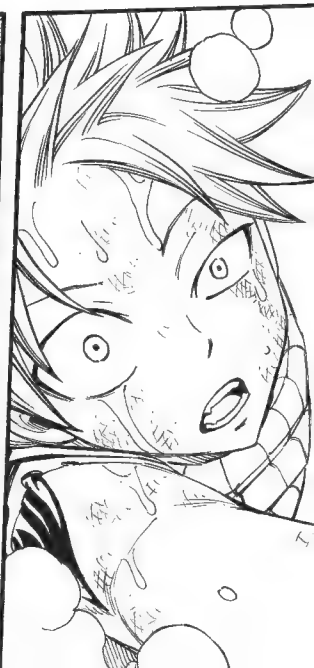
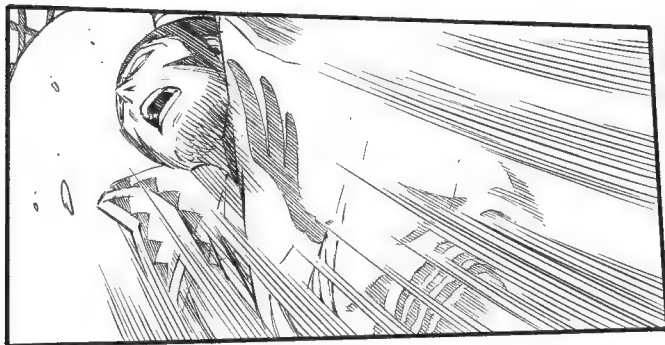


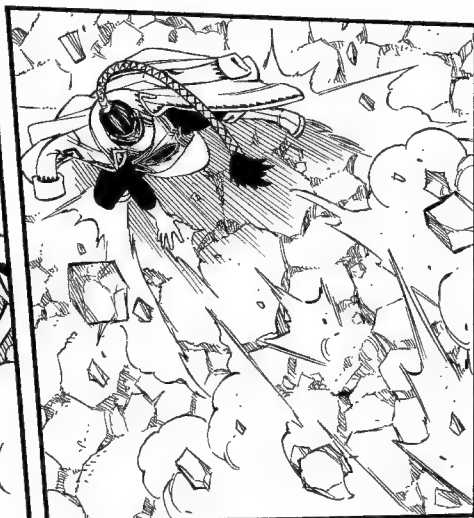
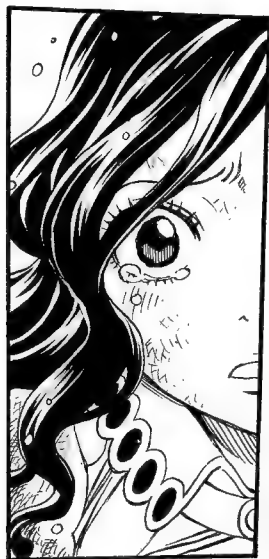
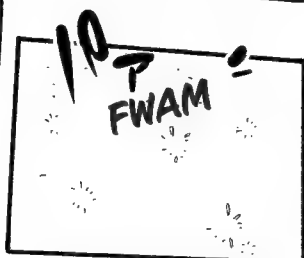
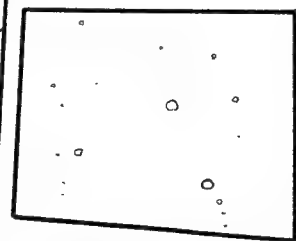
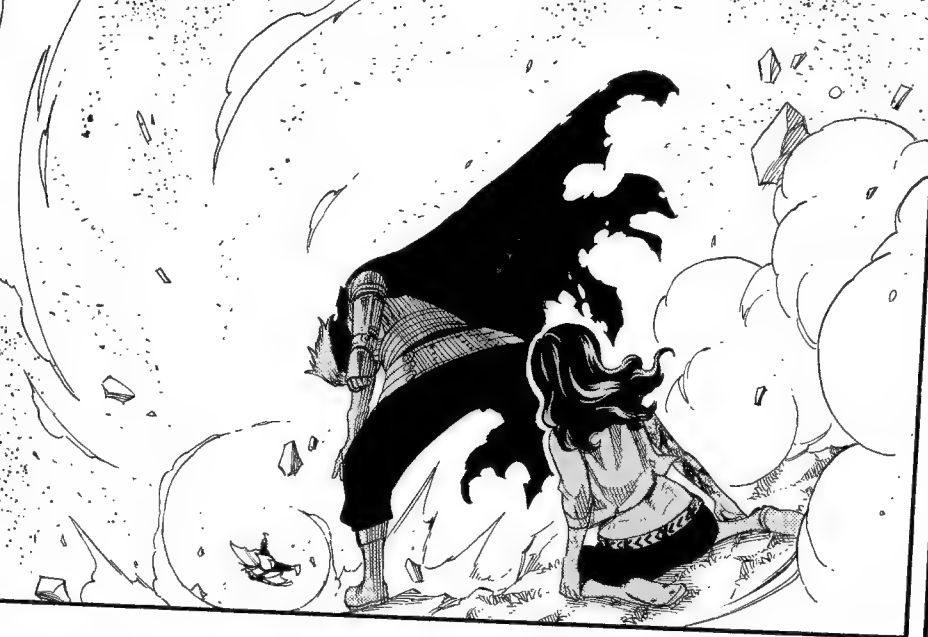
**FALL
!!!!!!**

BOOM









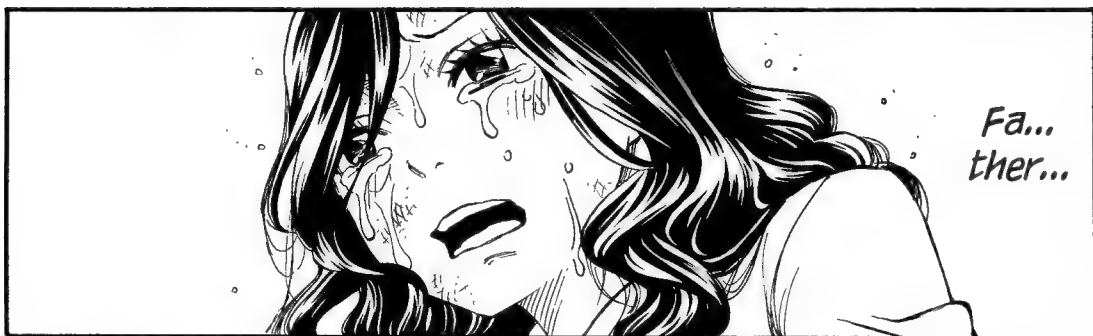




It's
Gildarts
!!!!



Gildarts
!!!!



Fa...
ther...

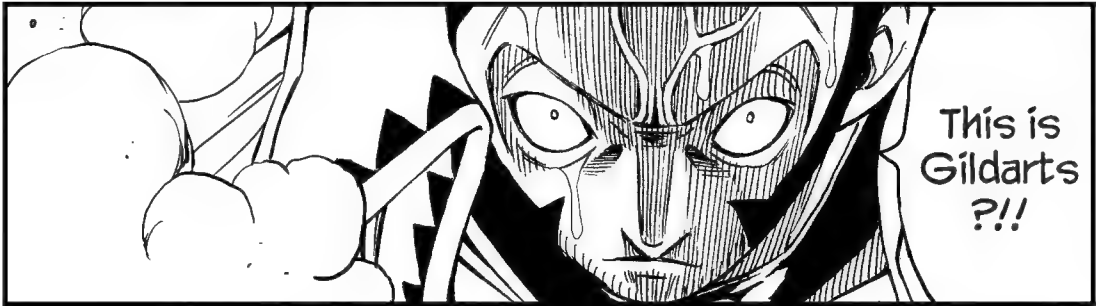


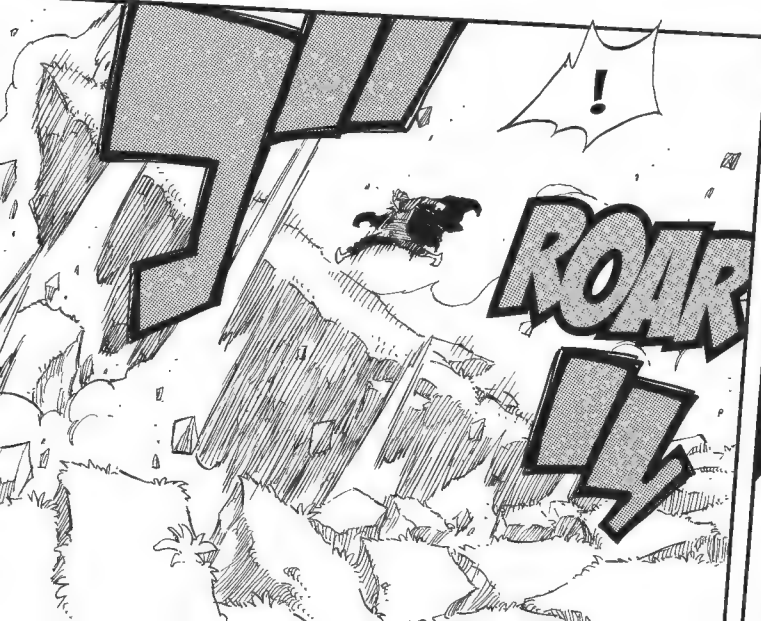
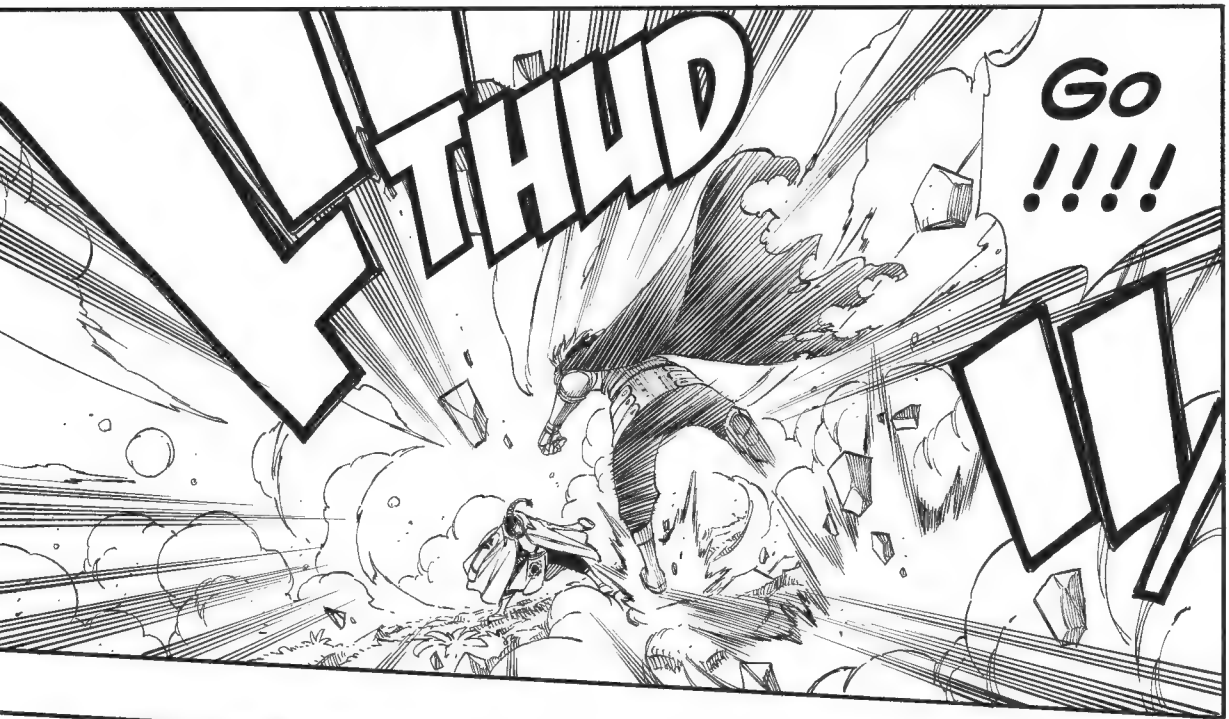
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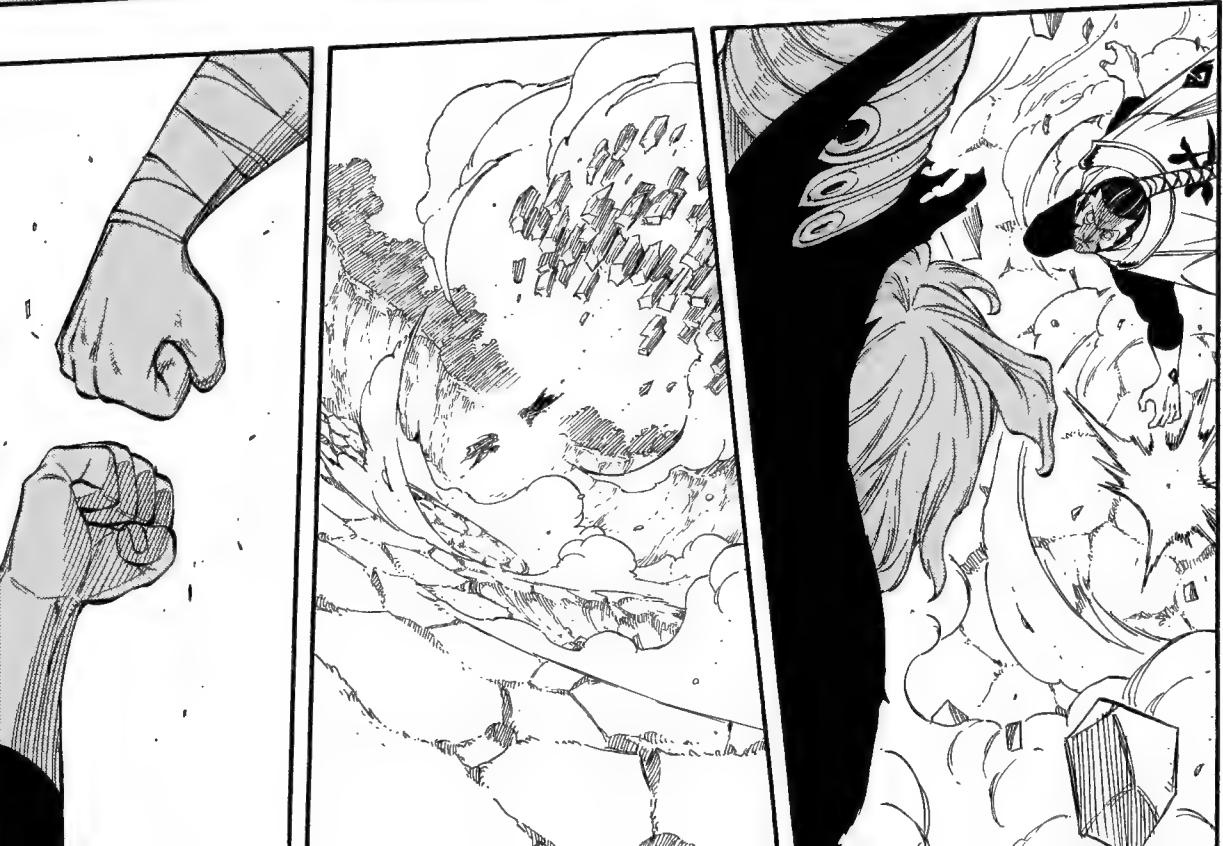
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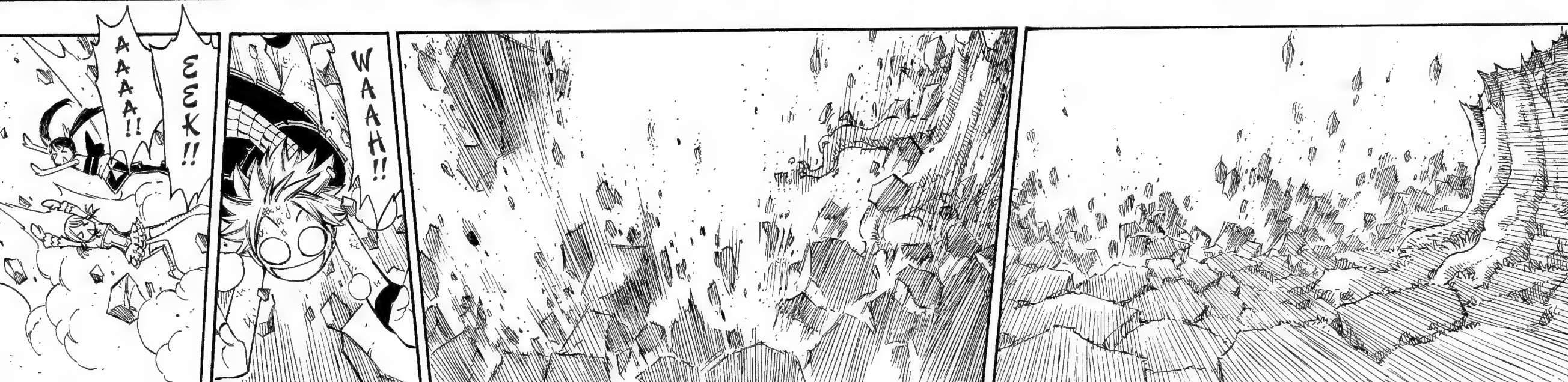


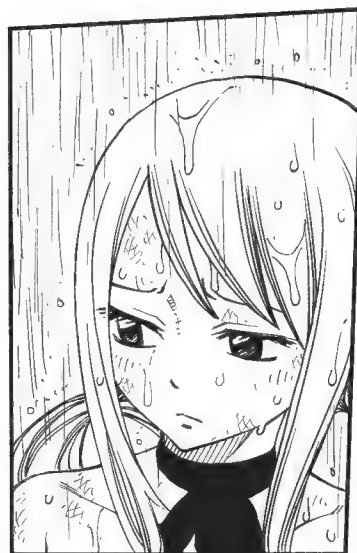


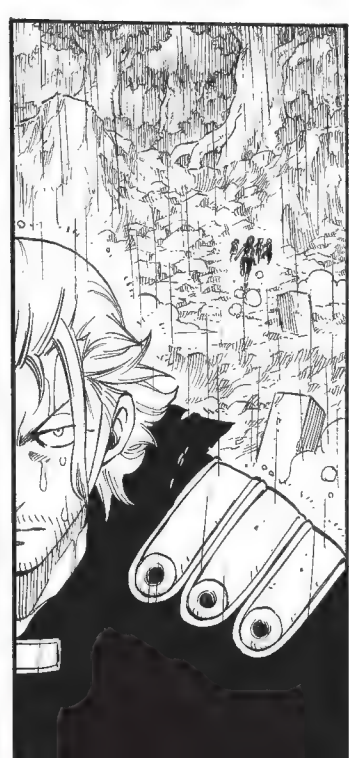
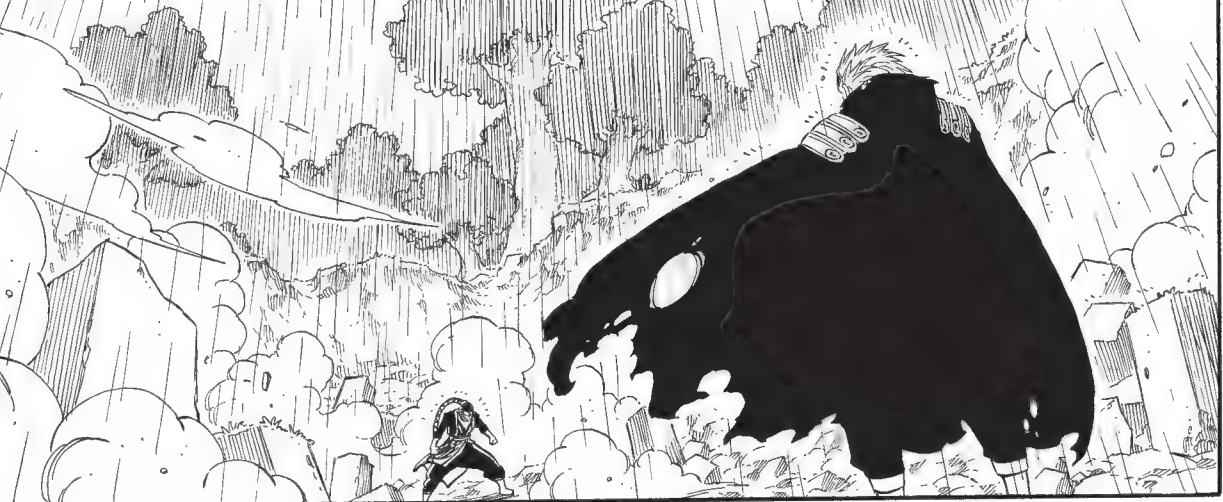












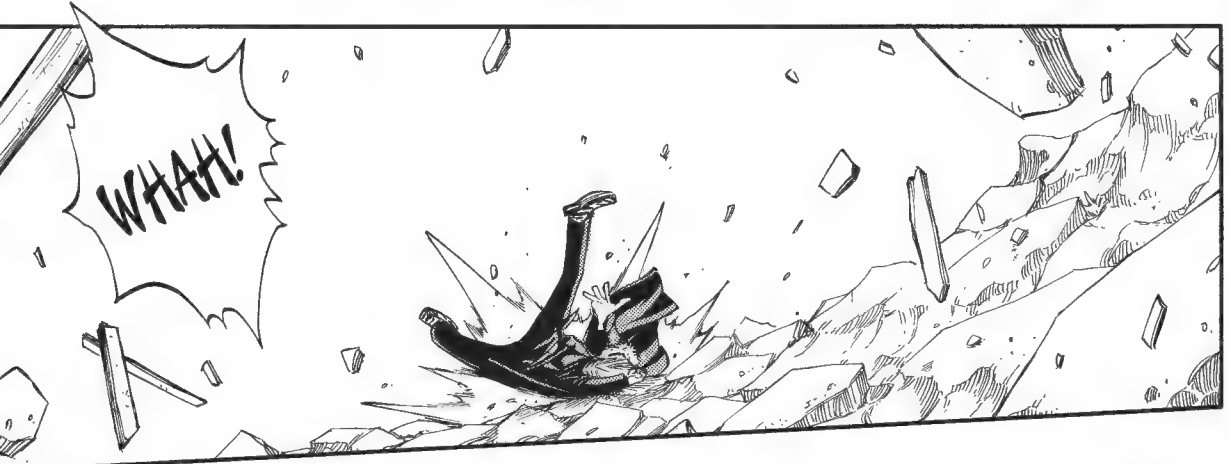
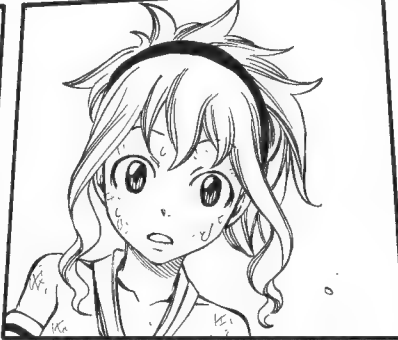


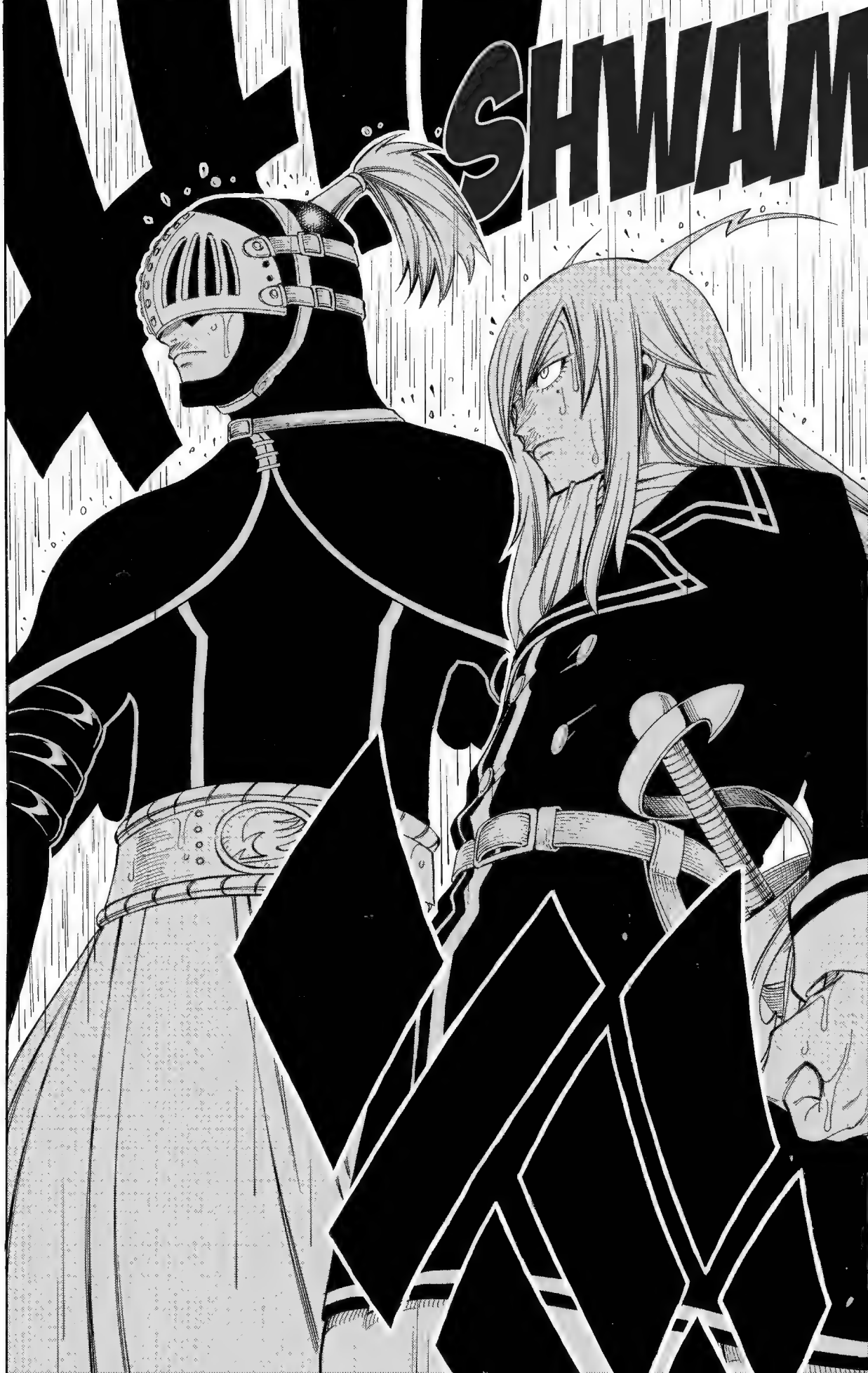
**These
kids were
determined
to step
forward
into the
future...**

**And
you
tread
all over
that!!!**



SHHHHHH







We saw
the signal
flare,
y'know?

While
we were
heading
home with
Gildarts.



What
are you
doing
here?!



Fried!!
Bickslow!!



Humph!

A couple
more small fries
are nothing
to my Arc of
Incarnation!



Then
Gildarts
came
back,
too?!



Against
you, we
observe no
rules!

However, you
wounded Ever
and our other
guildmates.



We just paid
back a debt
we owed.

We never came
here expecting
to give this thing
everything we got.



**BARYON
FORMATION
!!!!**

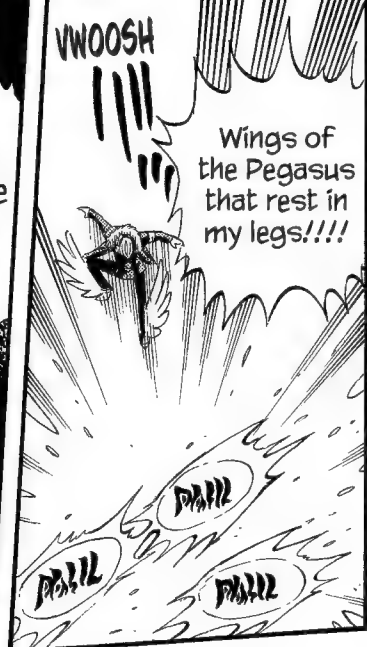


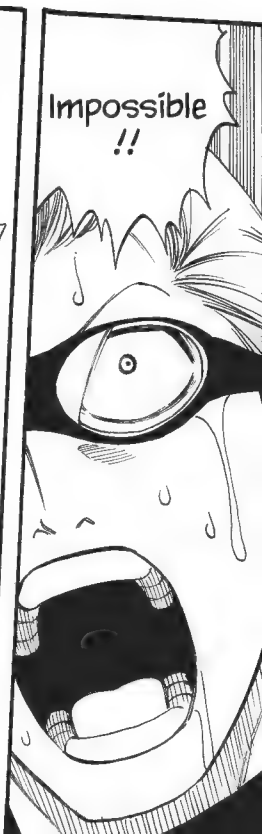
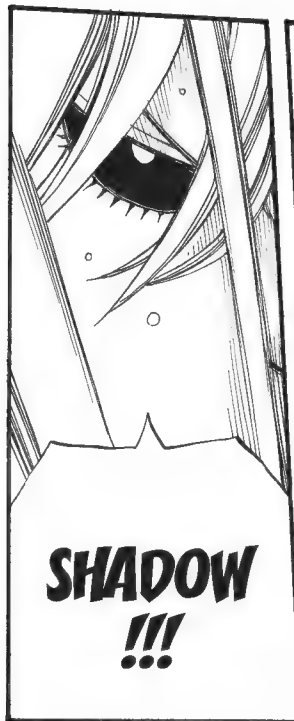
In my left
arm, I have the
Golden Shield
that turns
away any
attack
!!!



**DARK
ÉCRITURE:
PAIN!!!!**

SHING

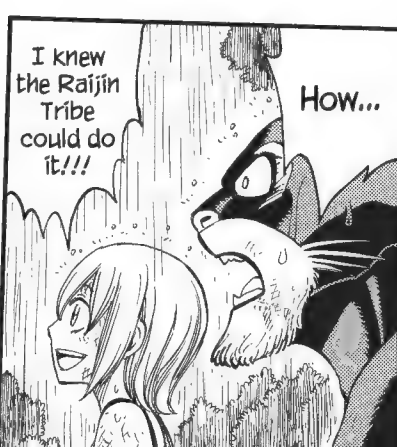
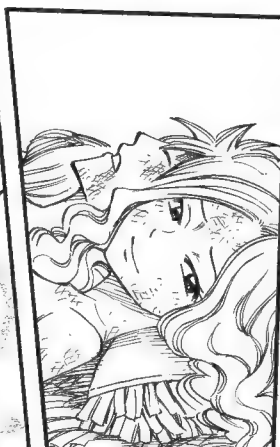






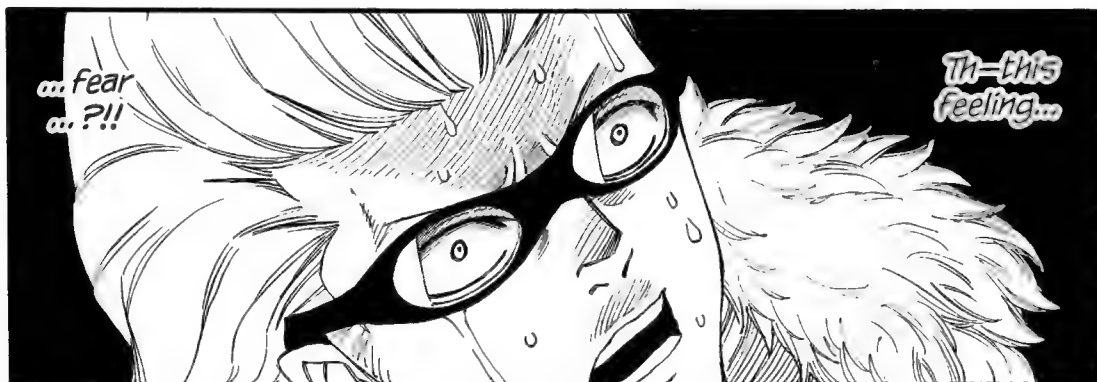
They
really are
good...

So *that's*
what they're
like when
they get
serious...



I knew
the Raijin
Tribe
could do
it!!!

How...

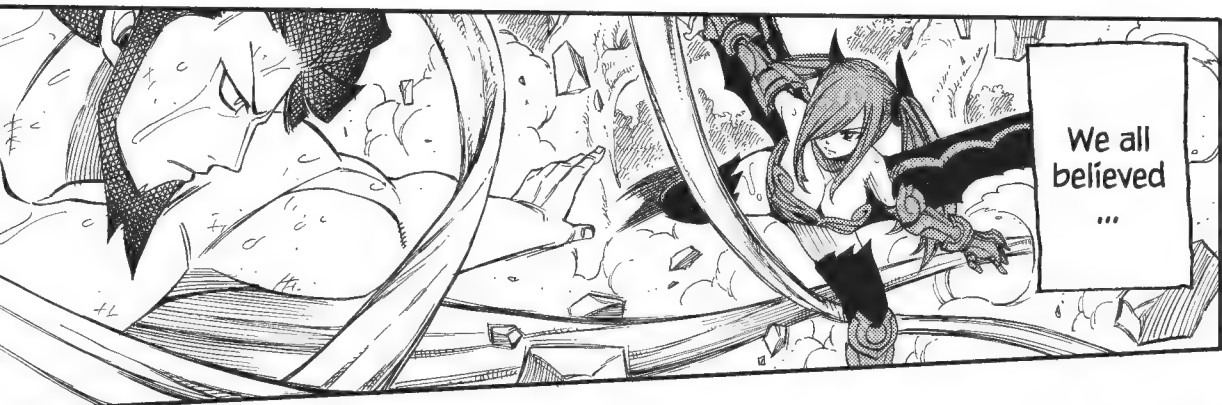




The
battle of
Sirius
Island...



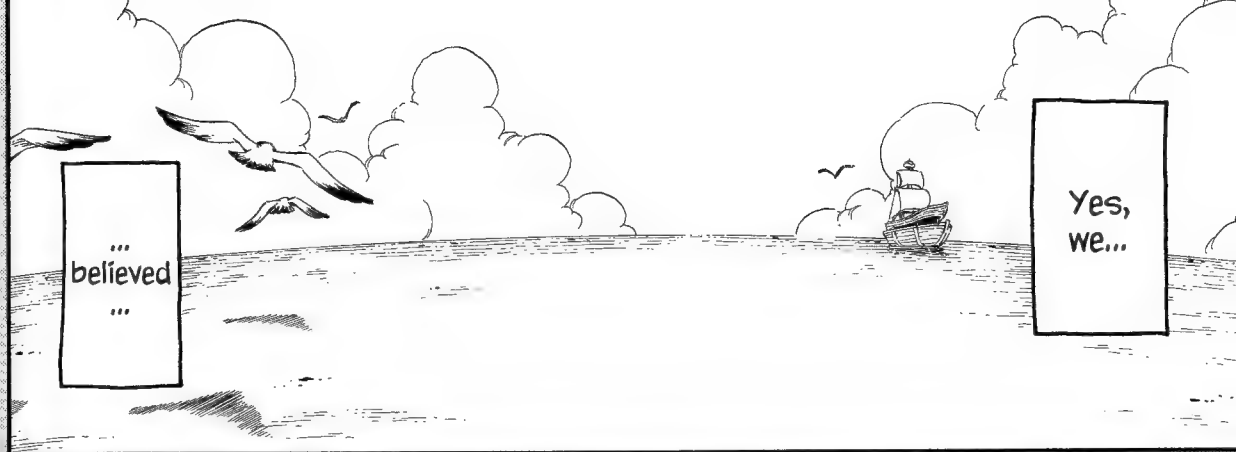
...was
heading
for an
end.



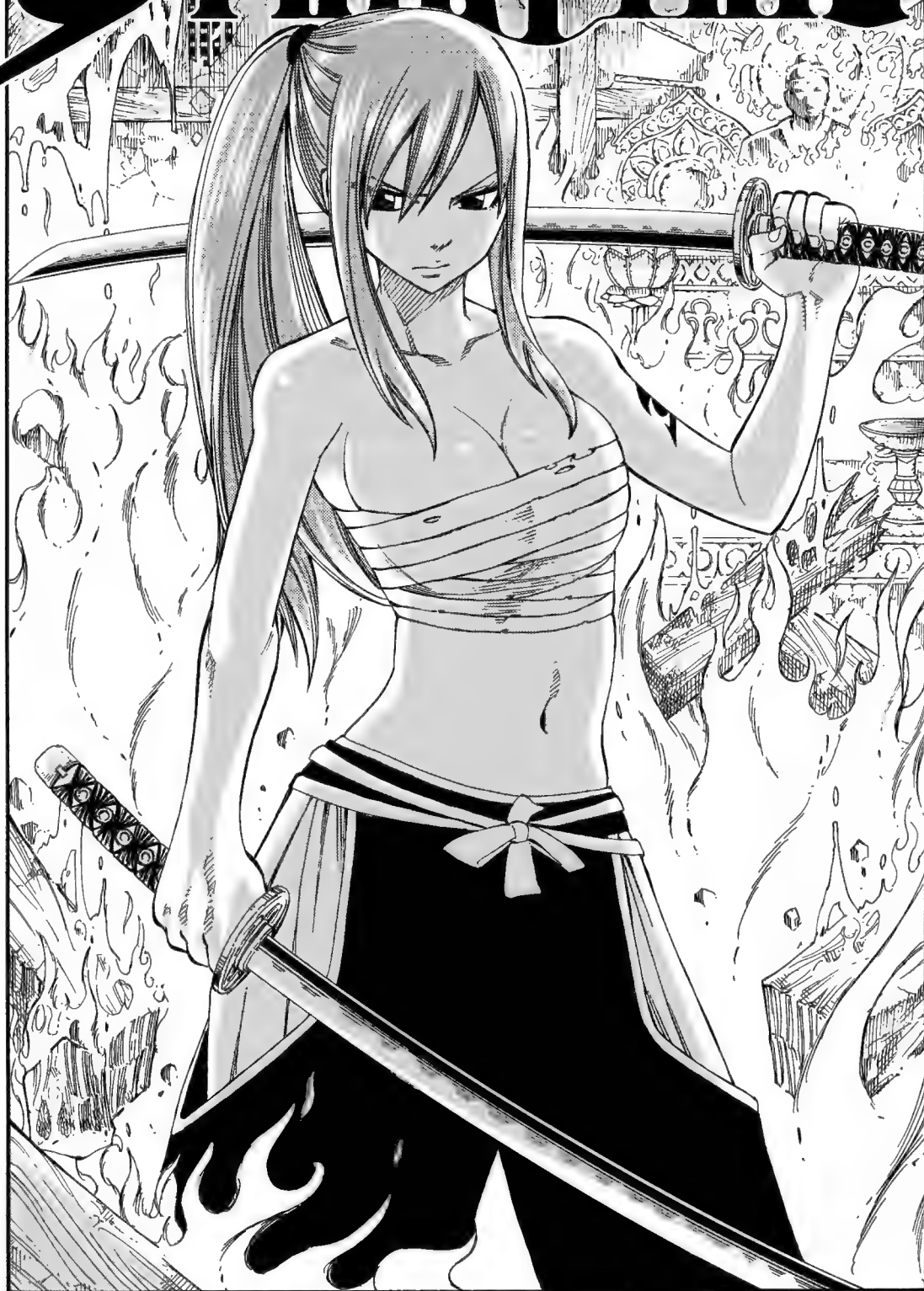
We all
believed
...



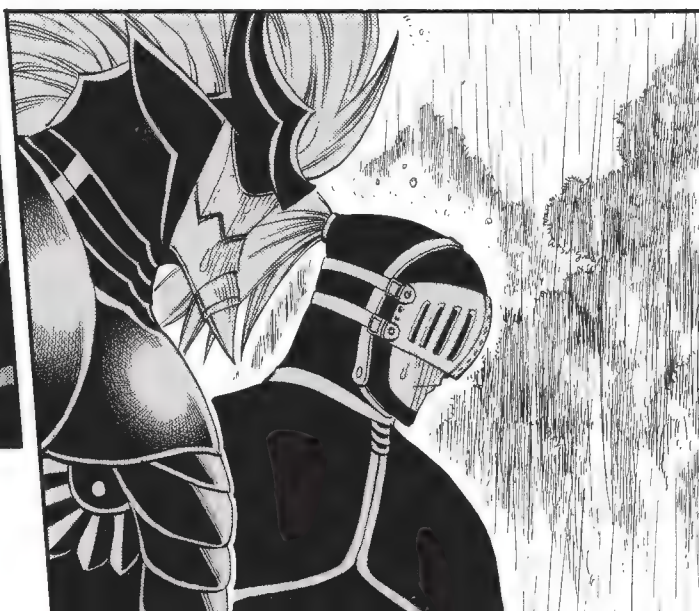
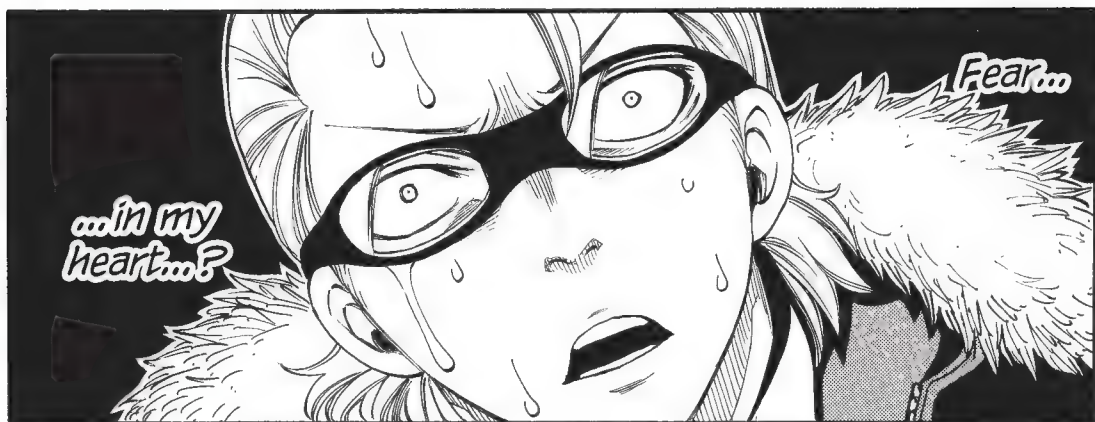
...in our
victory.



FAIRYTAIL



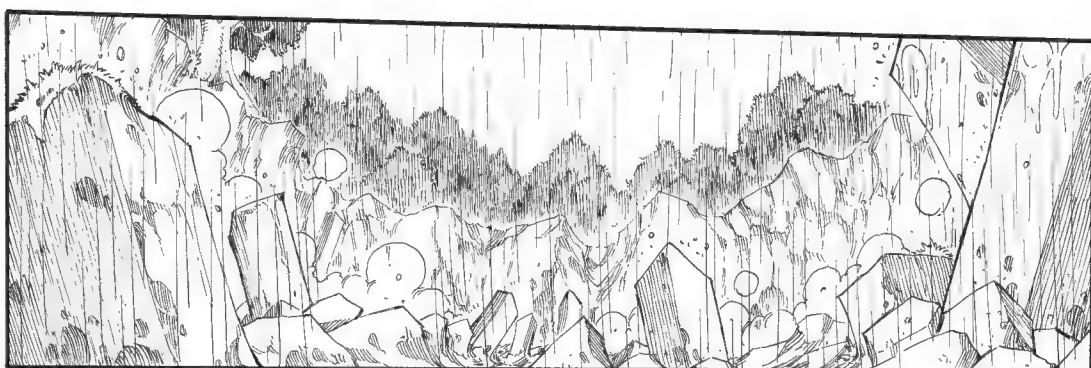
Chapter 235: Sirius Tree

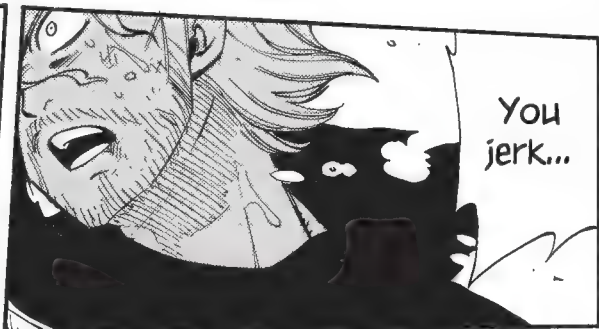
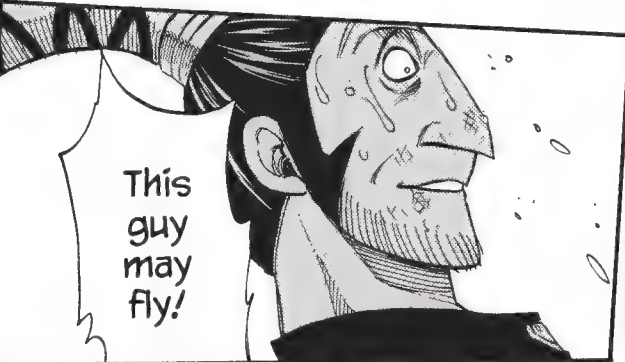




Fear has now
been written
into my
imagination
!!!!

Forward!!!!
Britia's
Spirits!!!!
Eat the souls
of those
fairies!!!!













I'm enjoying this.

I've been waiting for someone as strong as you.



Is something amusing?



POOF



I hear much of your bravery. Maybe we are two of a kind.

It's proof you are one for whom the battle is everything! And you seek out battle only with the strong!

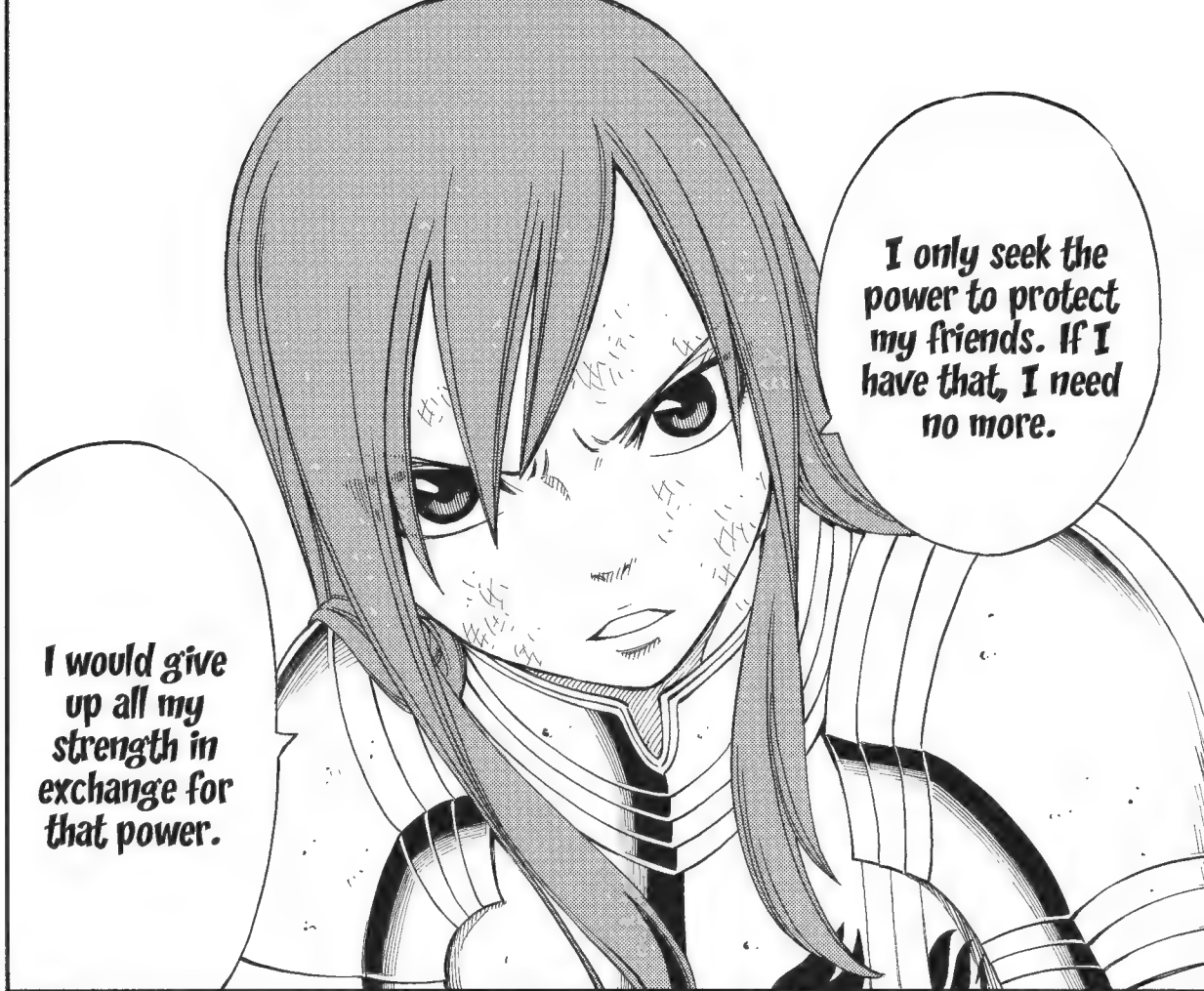


No. You cannot become as strong as you are without seeking strong opponents.



Forgive me, but I cannot agree.

I do not seek out the strong.



I would give
up all my
strength in
exchange for
that power.

I only seek the
power to protect
my friends. If I
have that, I need
no more.



...
contra-
dicting
myself.

I seem
to be...



It means
that time
is up.

カカカカ
RUMBLE



What
do you
mean?!

It's
too bad. I
wanted a fair
fight with
you.

You're
pretty
interest-
ing.

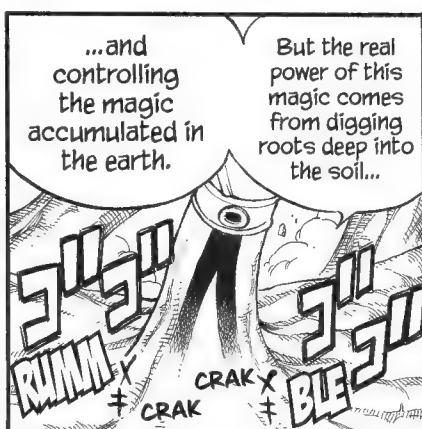


It's the
Lost Magic
Arboreal
Arc.

My magic
is wood
magic.



Controlling
the
power
of the
earth?!!



...and
controlling
the magic
accumulated in
the earth.

But the real
power of this
magic comes
from digging
roots deep into
the soil...



BOOM

The
explosions
are the magic
of the earth
condensed
into the
hearts of
the trees.



What
are you
saying
...?



There's
only one
reason
they sent
me to this
island
first.

To place the
magic power
of the island
under my
control.



...to our
sacred
island?!!!

What
have you
done...

But
since
I'm
under
orders,
there
was no
choice.

This
isn't what
I would
have cho-
sen, you
under-
stand.



Wh-
What
did you
do?!!



Damn
you...!!!



No... that huge tree is falling!!!!

Th-The Island !!



Wh-What was that?!!



Hurry yourself !!!

Carla, hurry !!!

ACK !!

EEEE !!

Gaaah!!!!
What's going on here?!!



Ah!

THUD

I don't believe it...



All my strength has suddenly disappeared ...

TRIP

WHAMP



Wh-What... is this... My strength...

SLUMP



SLUMP

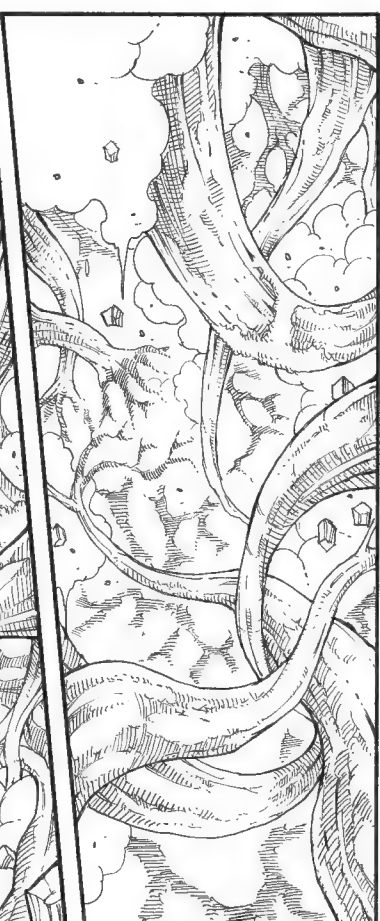
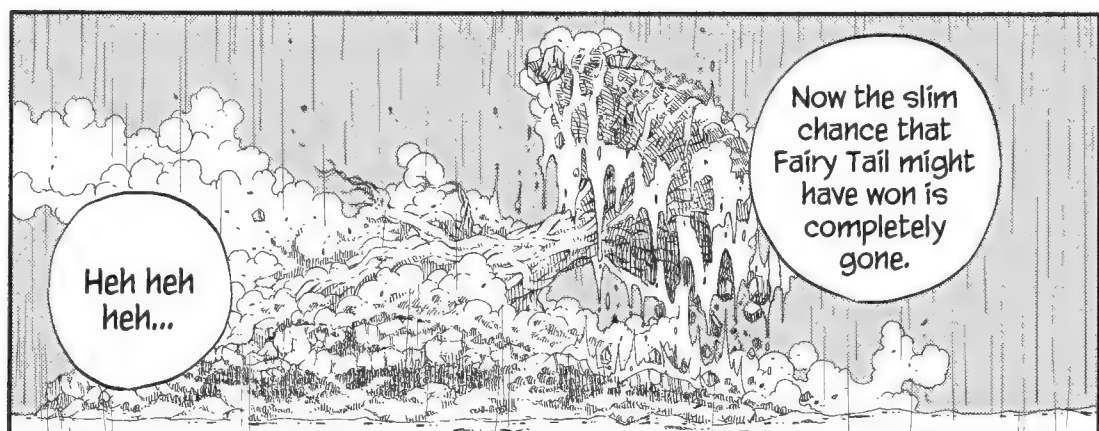
Wha-?!



Huh?









That
can't be
possible...

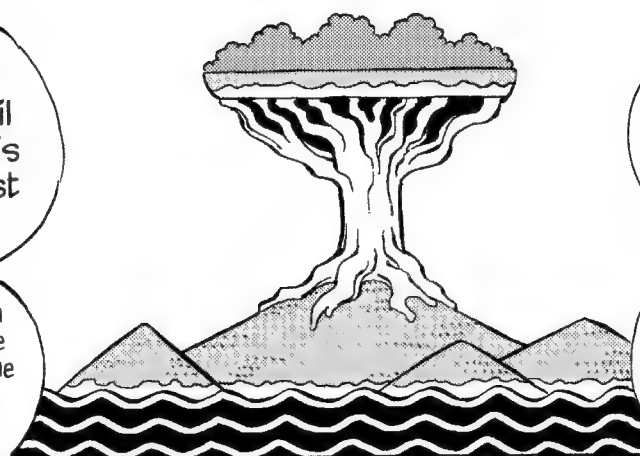
There is
no way...

...of all
Fairy Tail
wizards.

...stealing
the
magic...

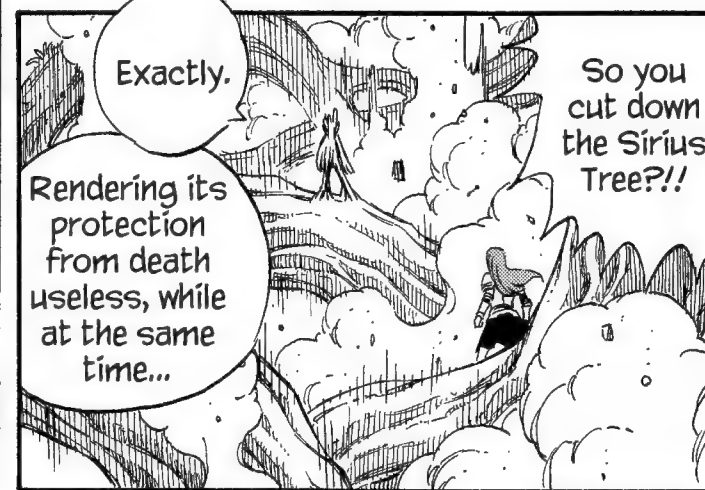
It protects
any Fairy Tail
wizard on this
island against
death...

...and also has a
special influence
that increases the
guild members'
magical power.



The Sirius Tree,
the giant tree
that grows from
the center of the
island...

...offers
its divine
protection to
any who wear
the Fairy Tail
mark.



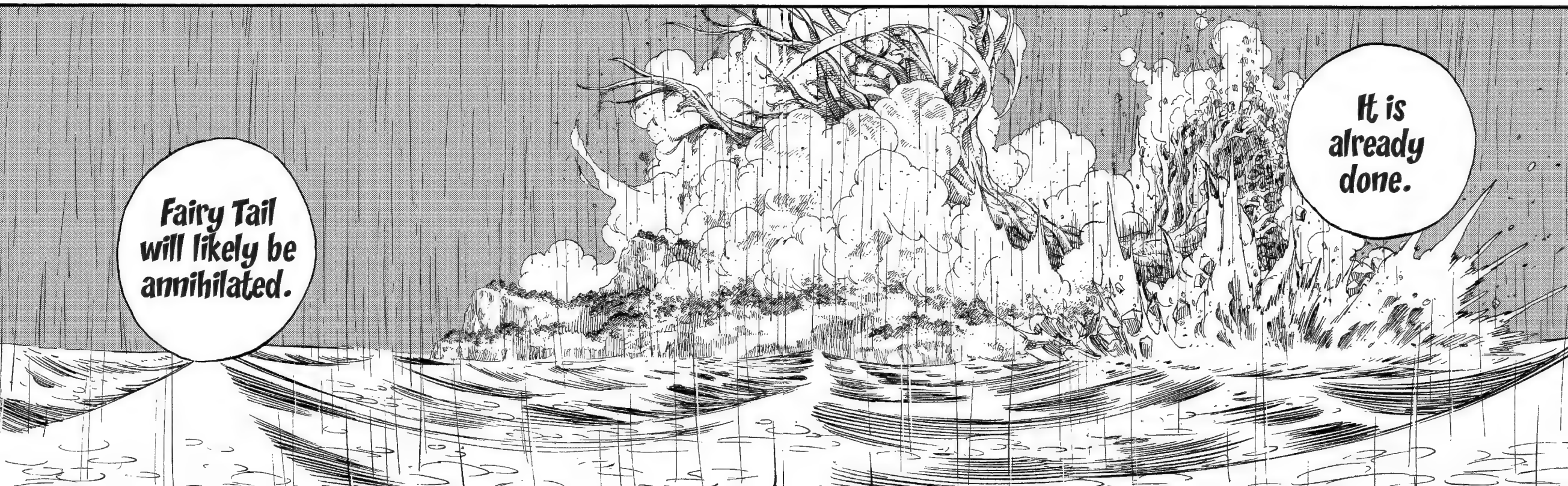
Exactly.

Rendering its
protection from death
useless, while
at the same
time...

So you
cut down
the Sirius
Tree?!!

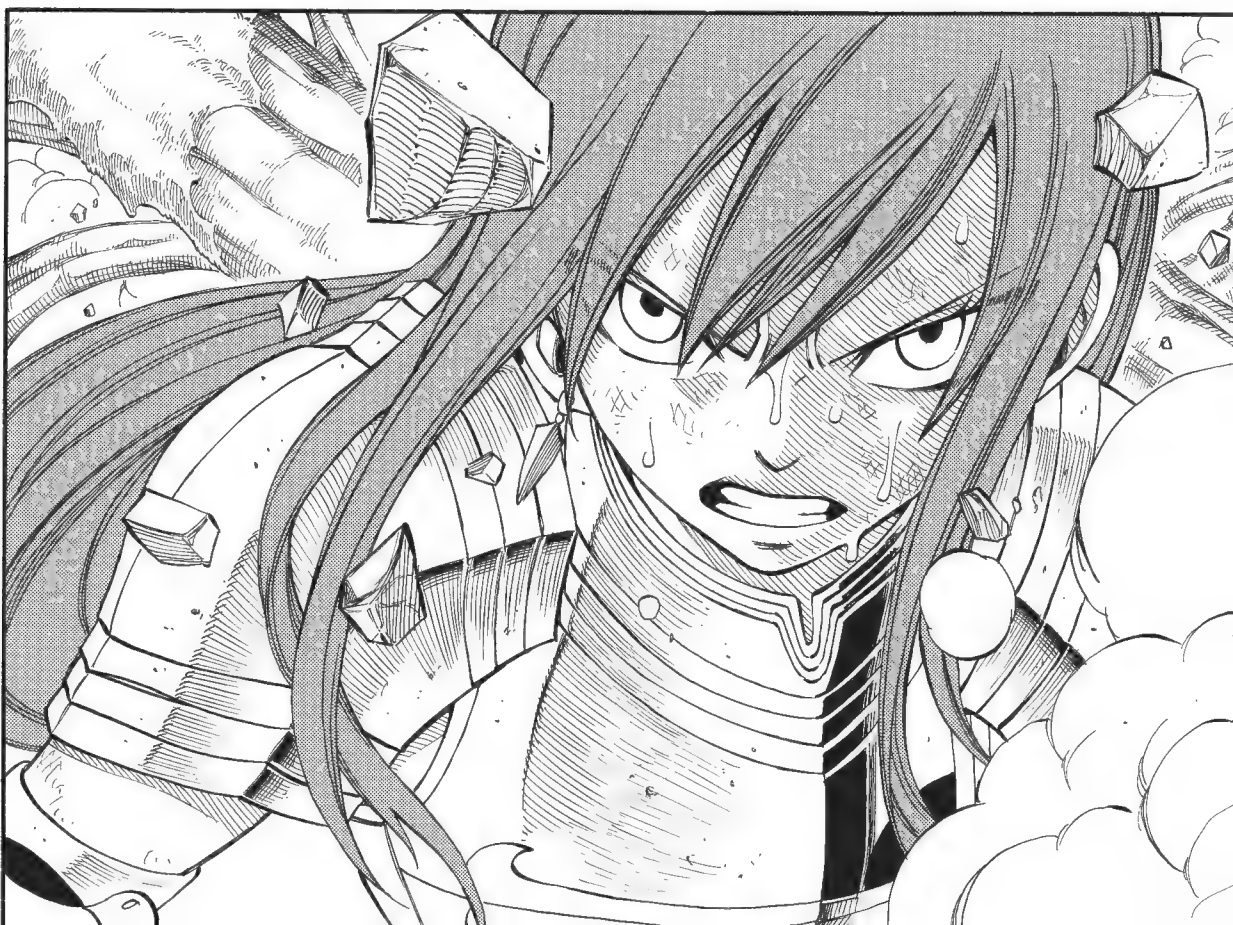


So that's
why the
master
chose the
island as
the site for
the test...



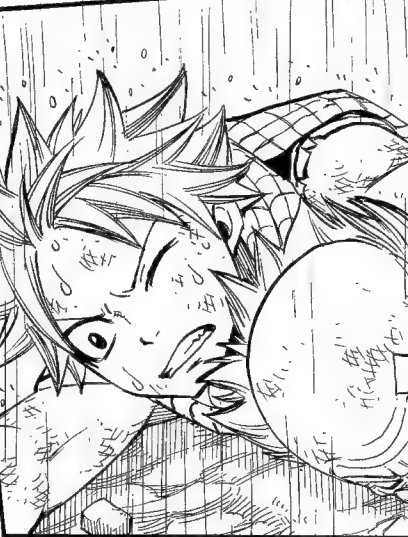
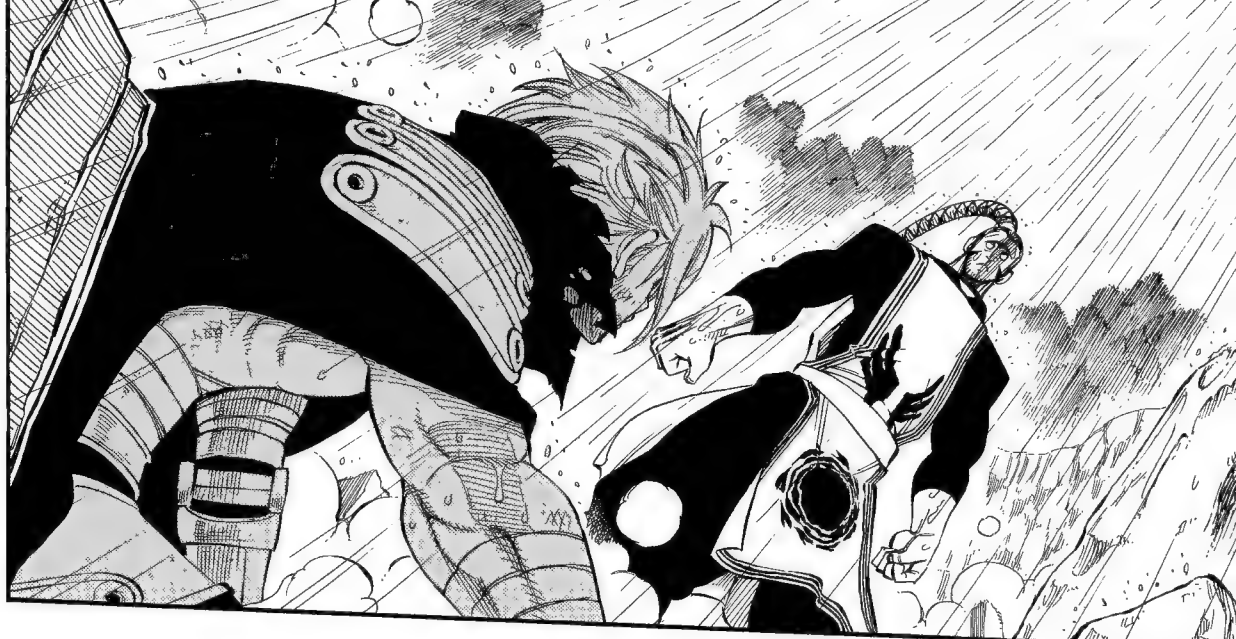
**Fairy Tail
will likely be
annihilated.**

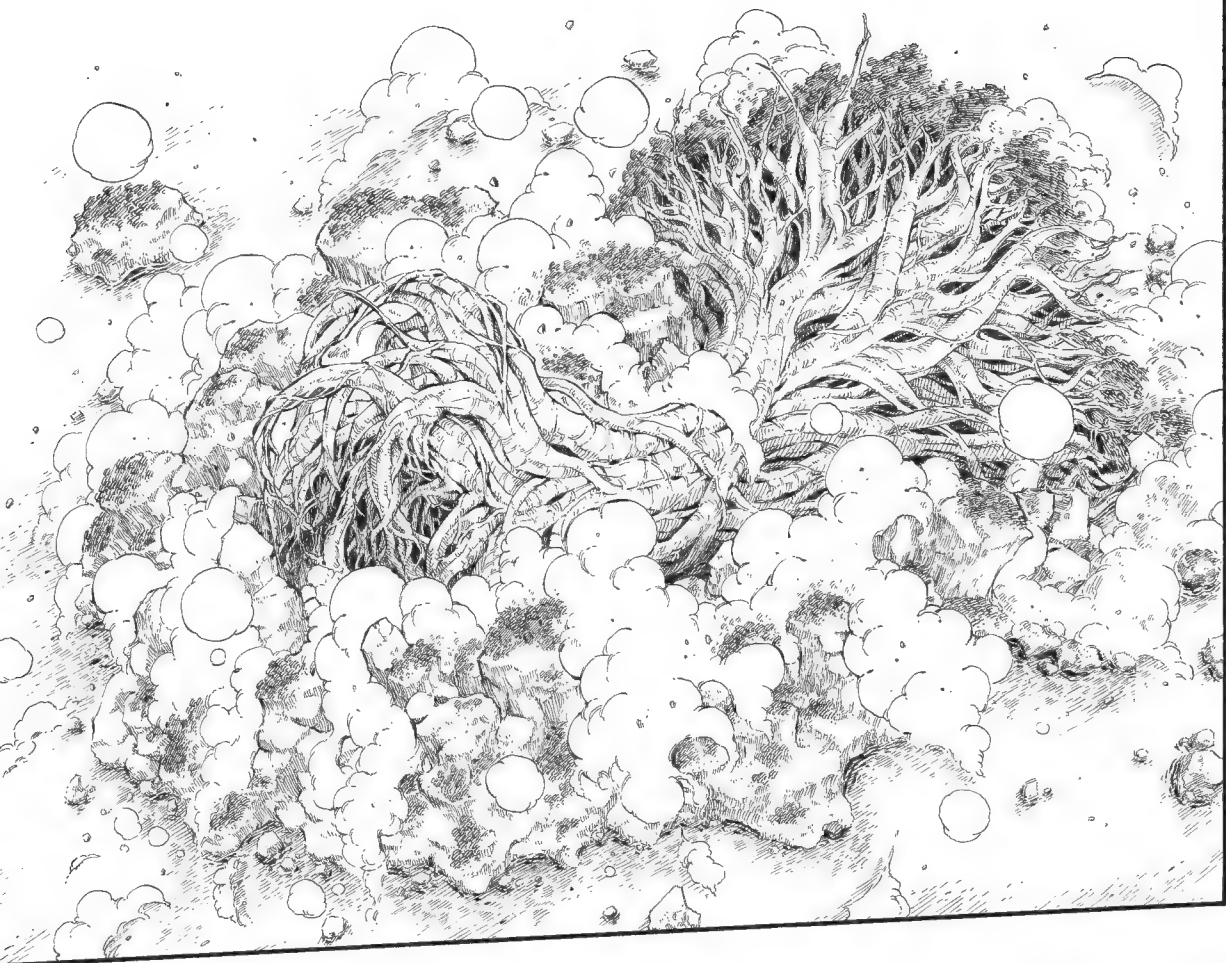
**It is
already
done.**





Chapter 236: Erza vs. Azuma





It's draining
the energy out of
anyone who
bears the mark
of Fairy Tail.



The Sirius
Tree has
fallen.

My
strength...
is draining
...



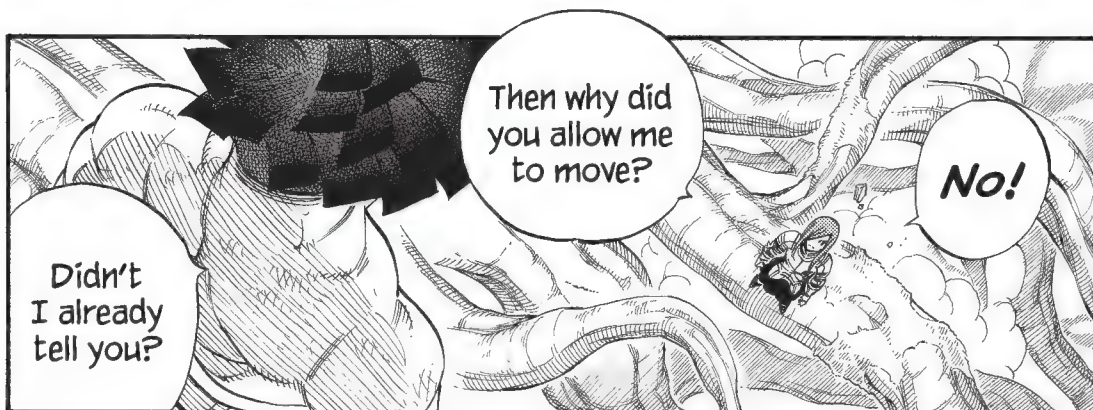
Even I
do not
know.

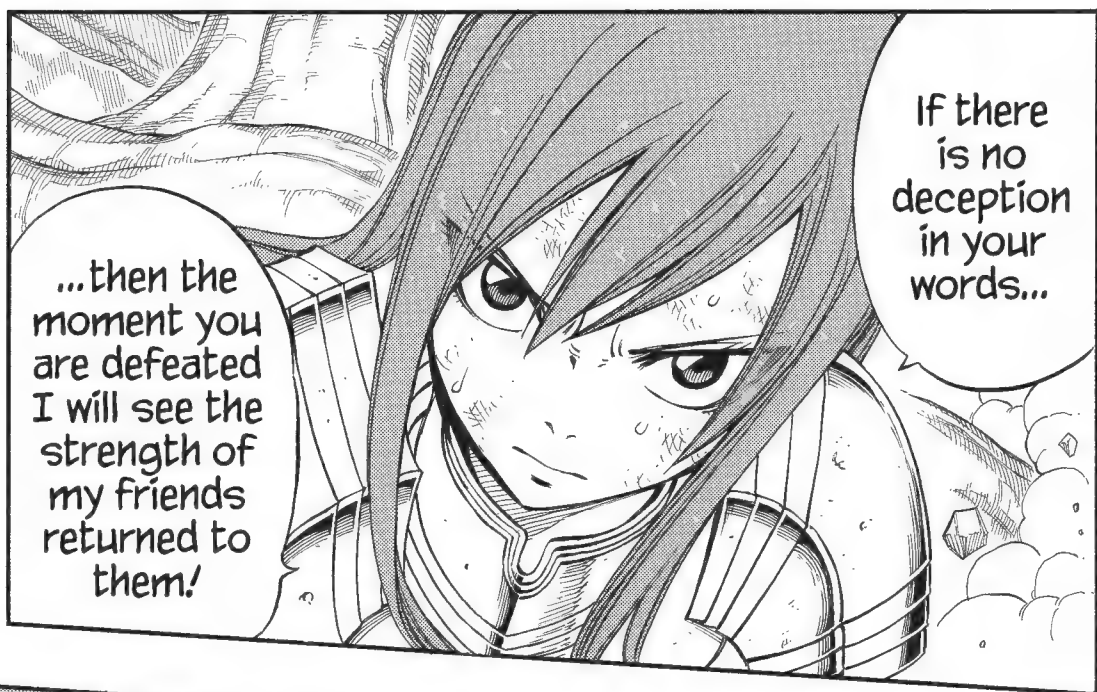
Why am
I taking
care of
her...?





It was Master Hades's orders.



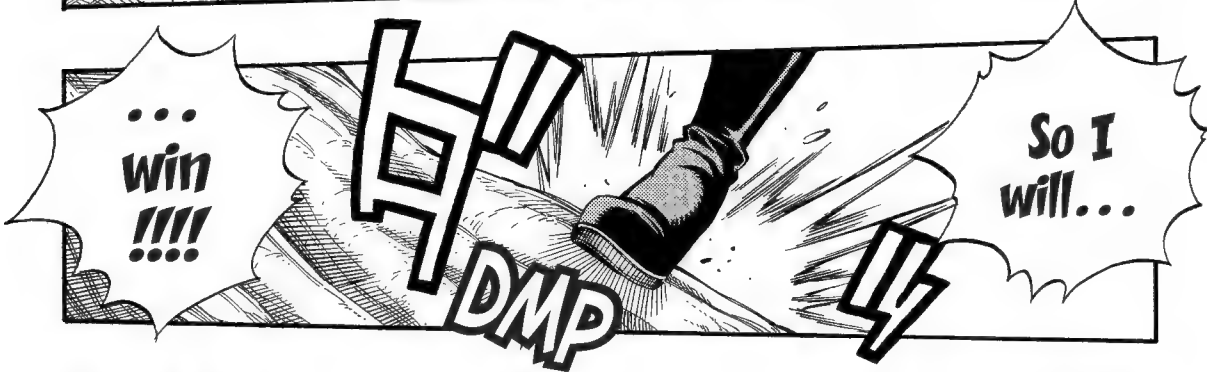




My friends' lives are riding on this!



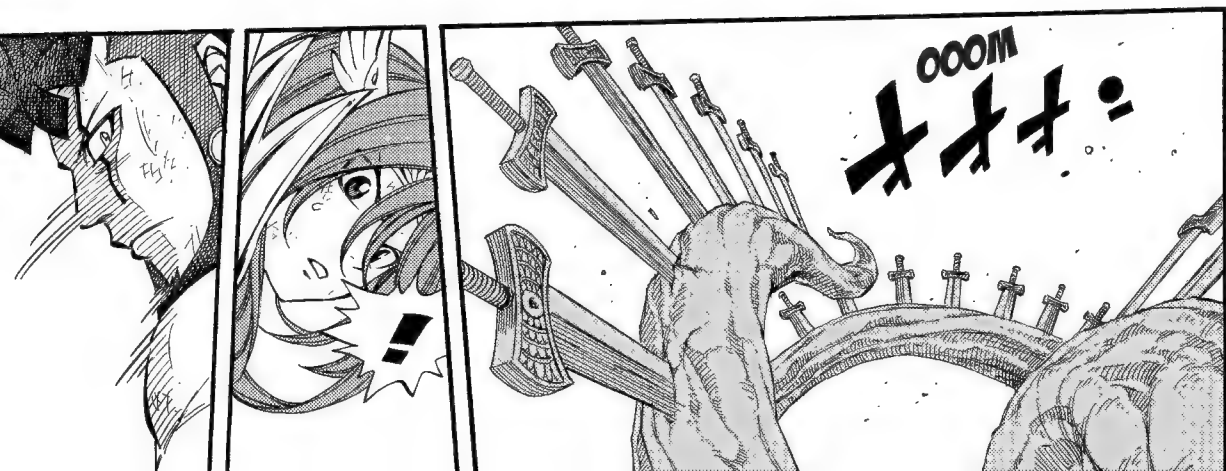
But... only if you win.



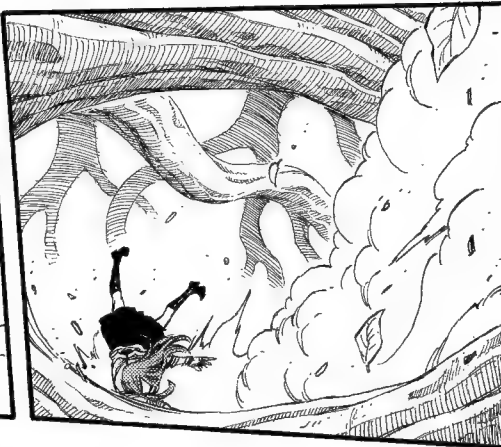
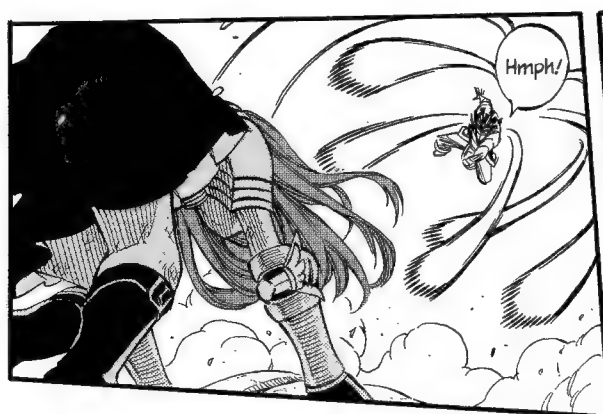
... win !!!!

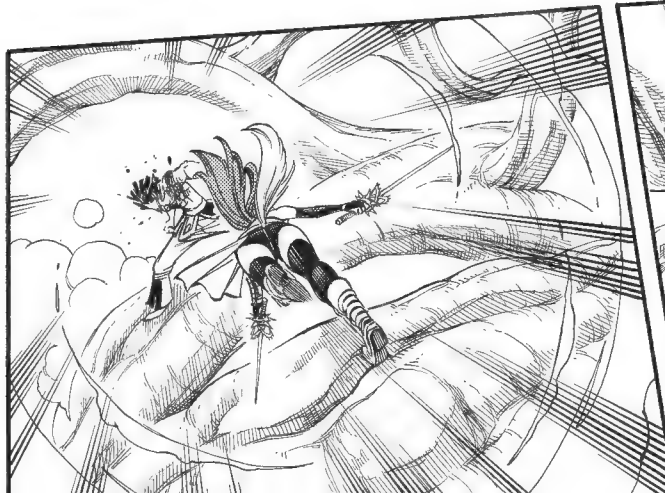
So I will...



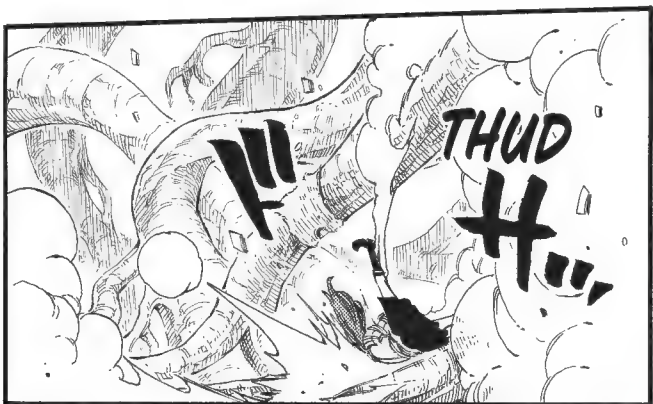


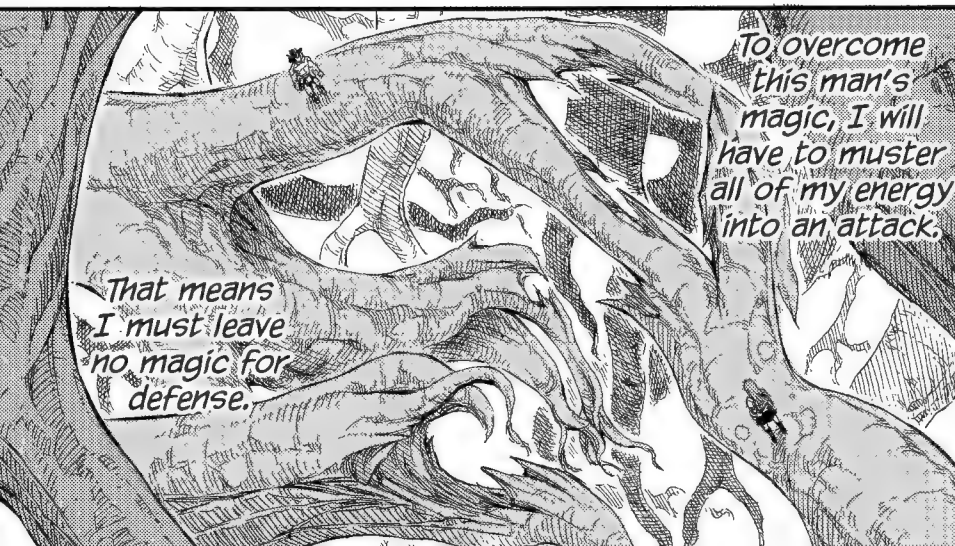












In other words, armor is unnecessary.

I must concentrate all my magic into my sword.

VOOOOPH!!

Appear now!

The magic of this sword is such that I could not even grip it and still have magic left for my armor...

*Fairy Sword... Red Cherry Blossom

YÔTÔ... BENIZAKURA* !!!!

**Come
at me,
Titania
!!!!**

**I am their
last hope!!**

**My
downfall
is the
downfall of
my entire
guild!!**

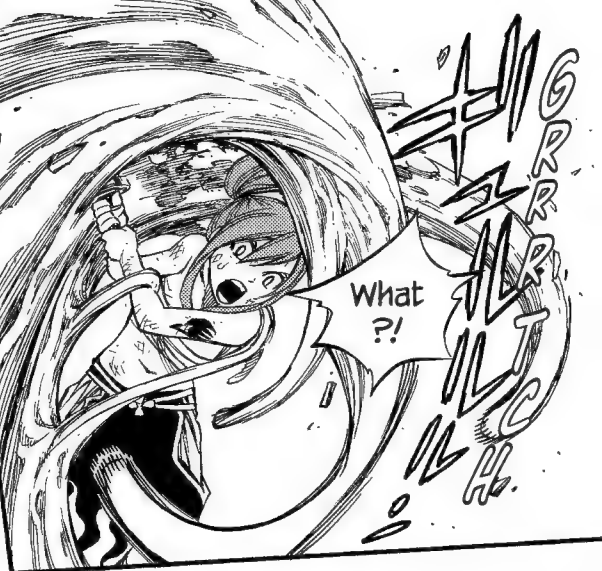
**OOR
h
h
h
h
!!!**

**I must put
everything into
this attack...**

**I cannot
lose!!**

**This is for
the guild...**

ZWOOSH

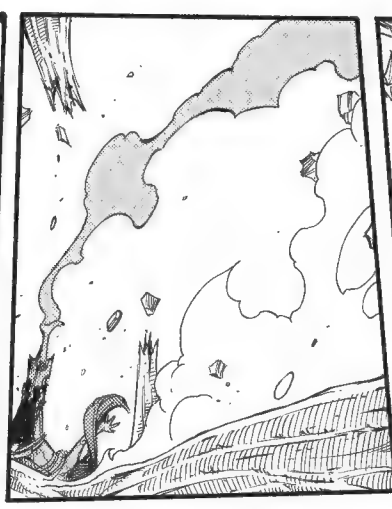


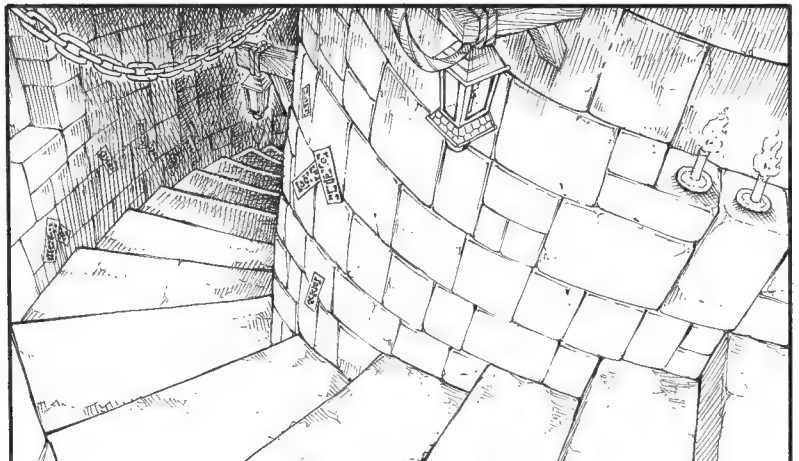
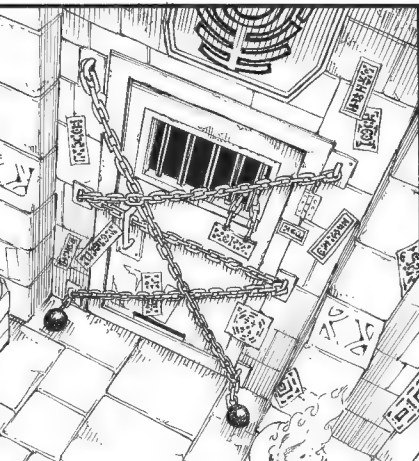
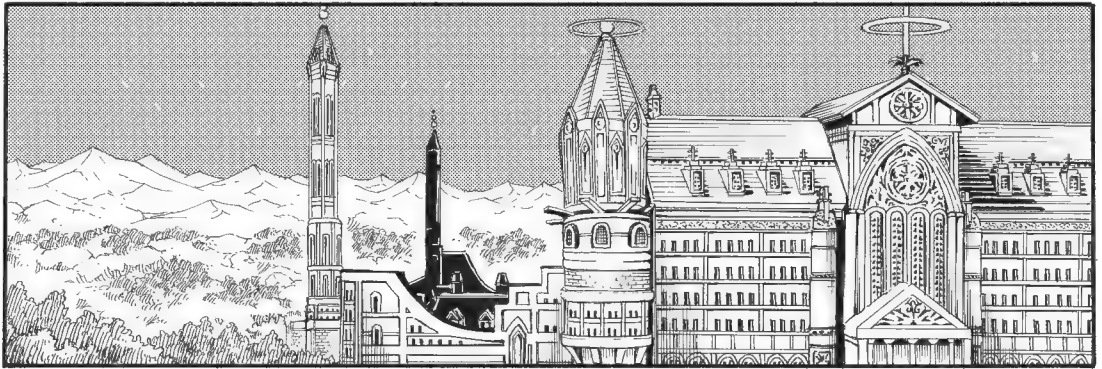


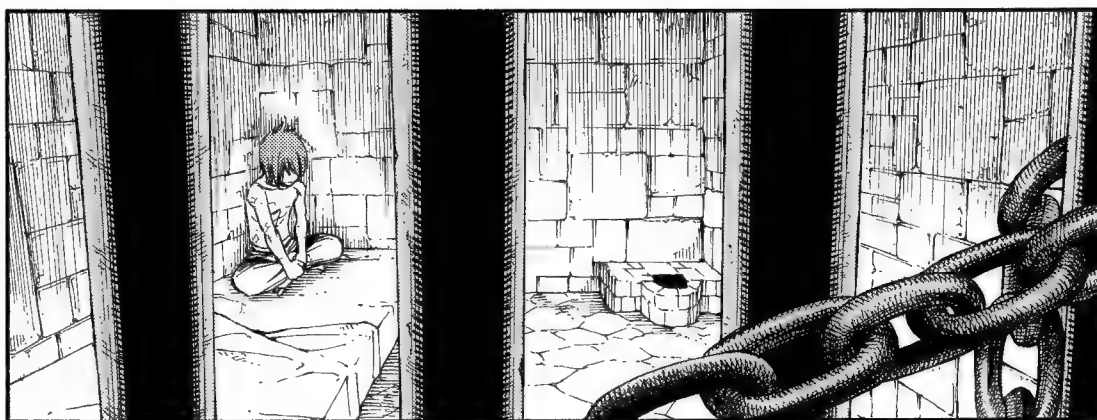
*Terra
Clamare
!!!!!!*

W
A
A
A
A
G
H!

X
O
M
+



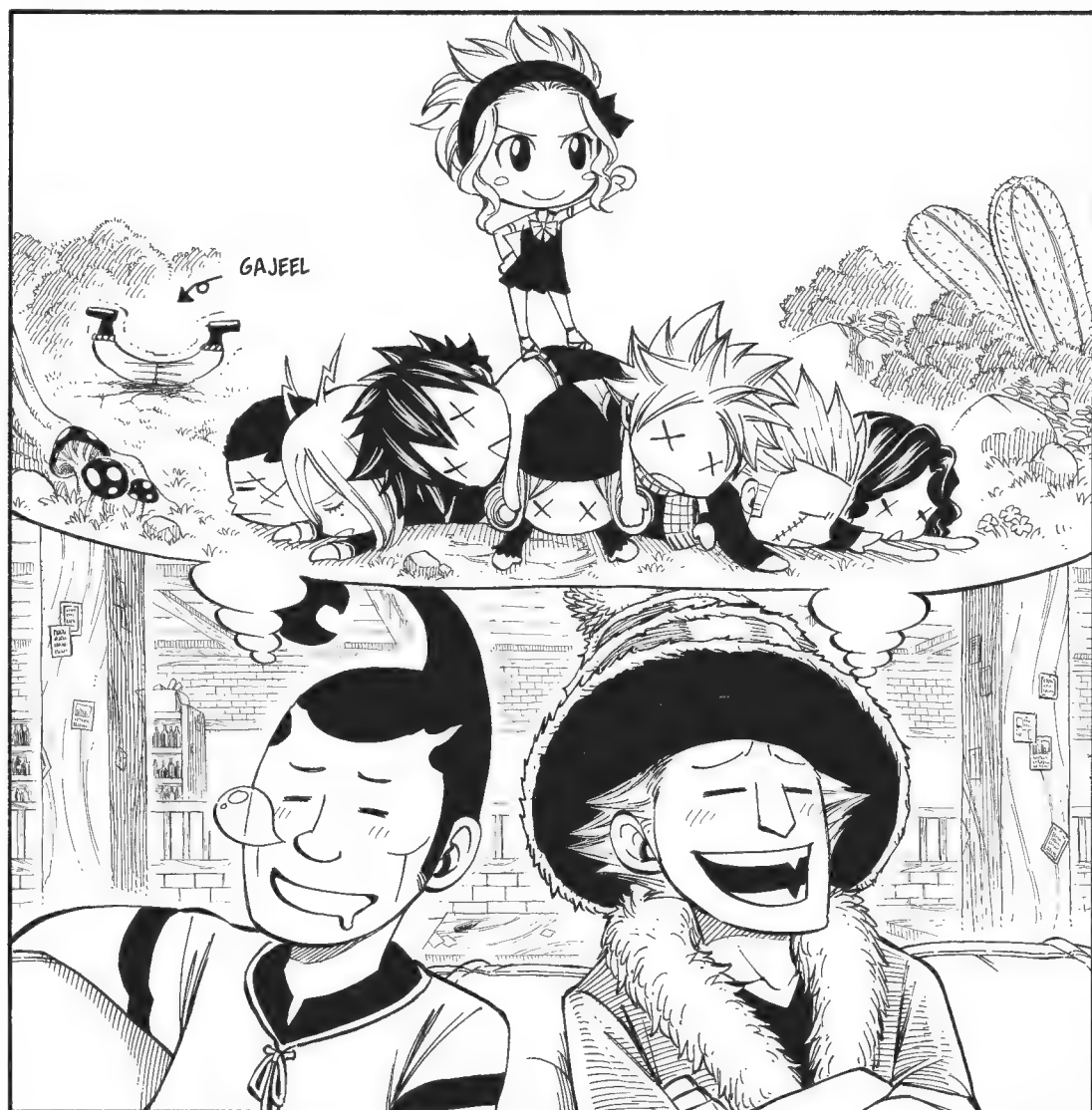


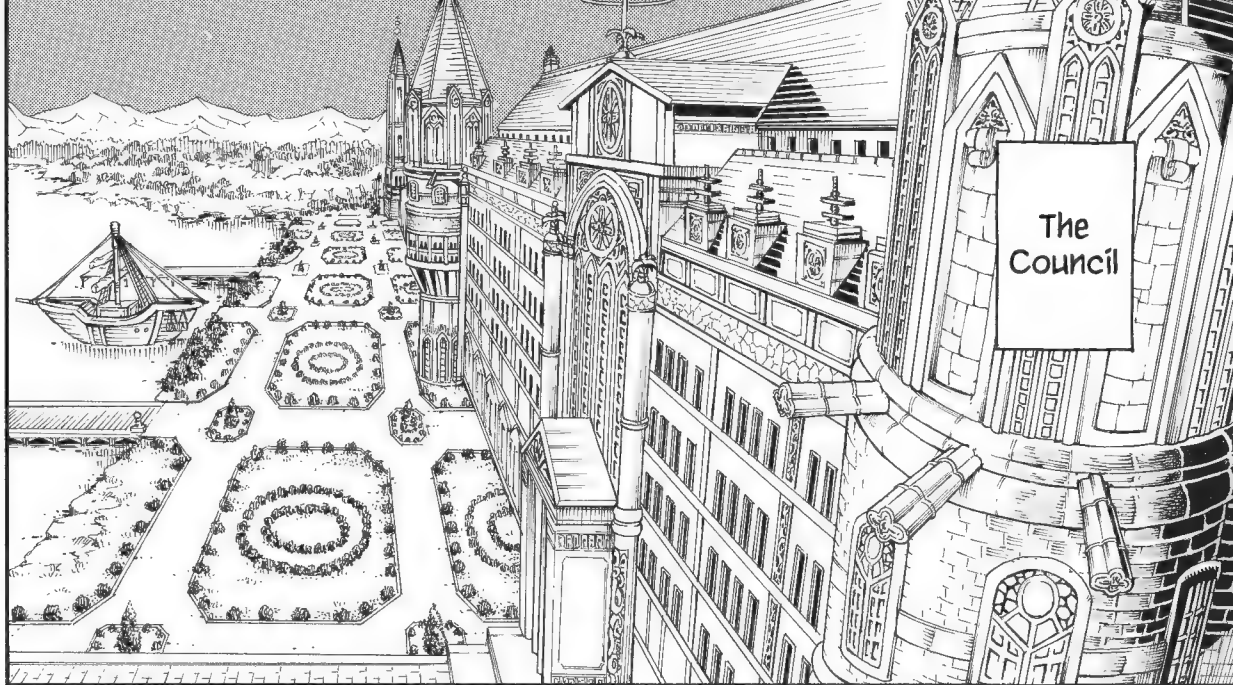


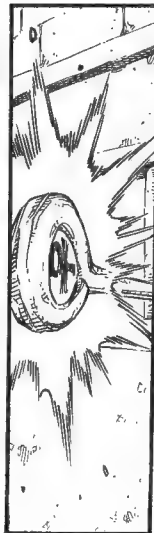
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

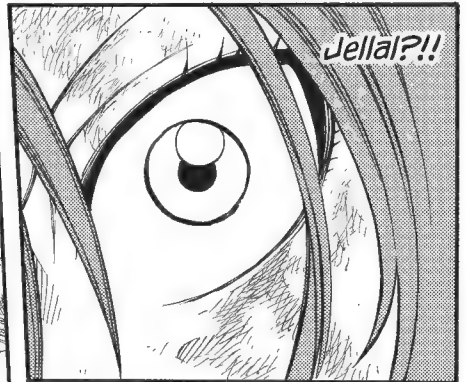
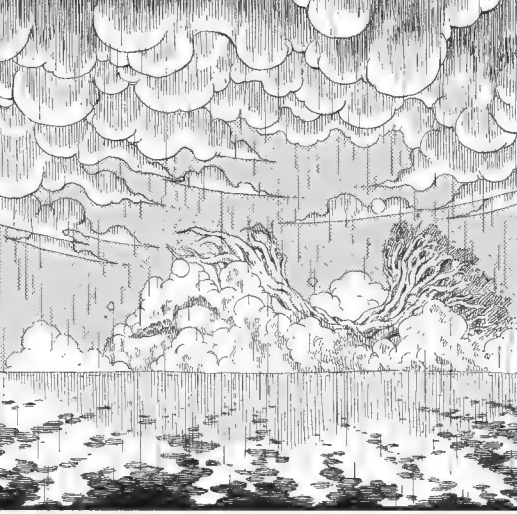
Chapter 237: What Kind of Guild Is This

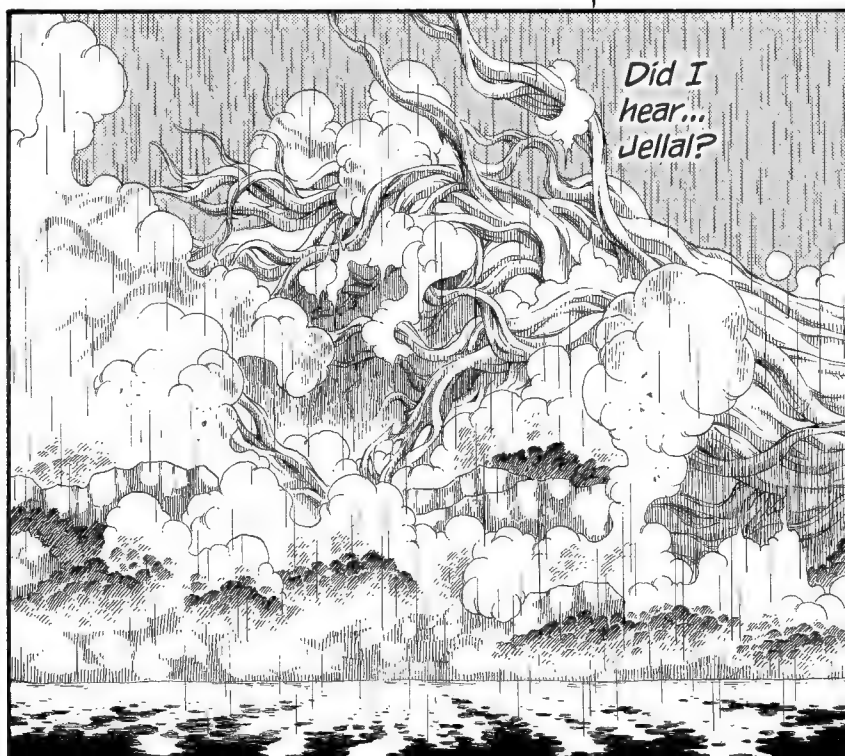
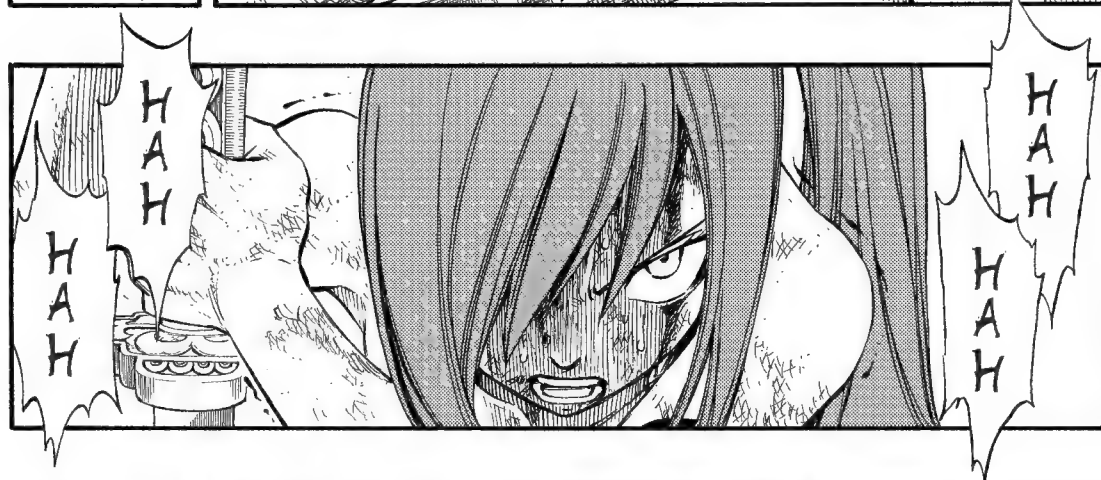












*I must
gather
my will...*

*Don't get
lost in
memory!*

*Jellal is
gone!*

*Don't get
carried
away.*

*Don't get
soft.*

*I have to
stand...*

*...for the
sake of
everyone
in the
guild!!!!*







You will
witness
the magic
power of
Sirius
Island
one last
time!!!



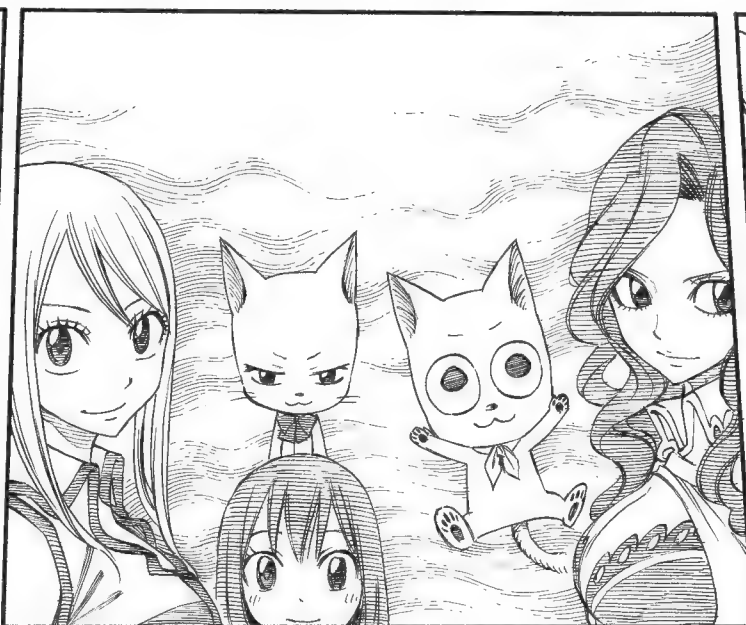
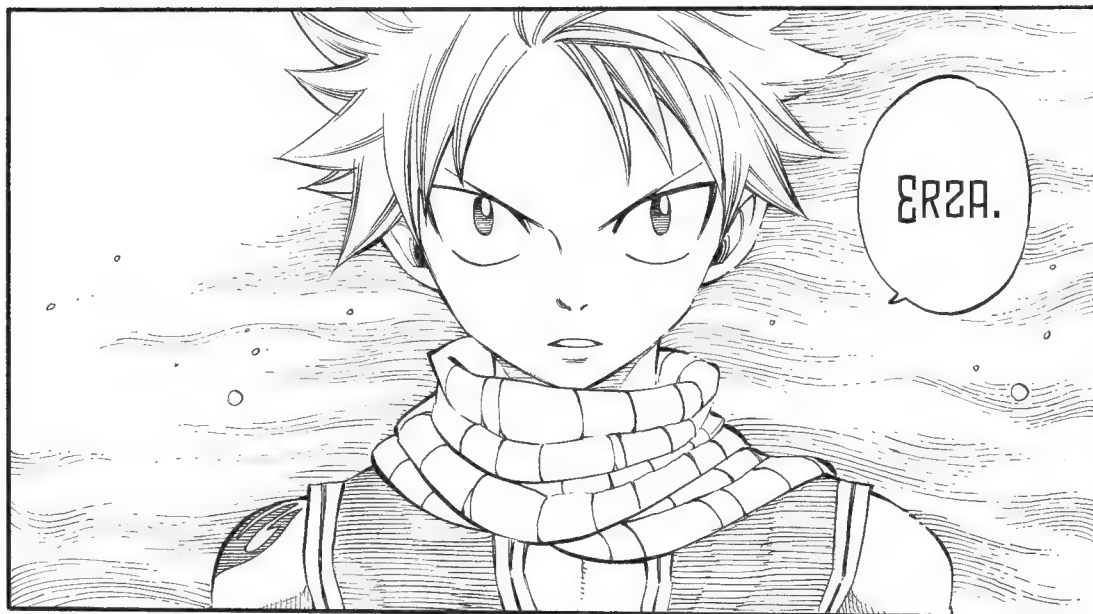
This
is the
end!!!



**TERRA
CLA-
MARE
!!!!**

**W
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g
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!!!**

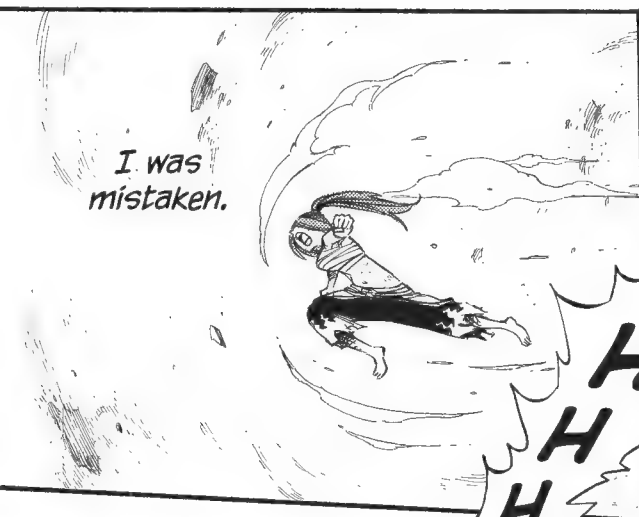
KAFOOOM!!!



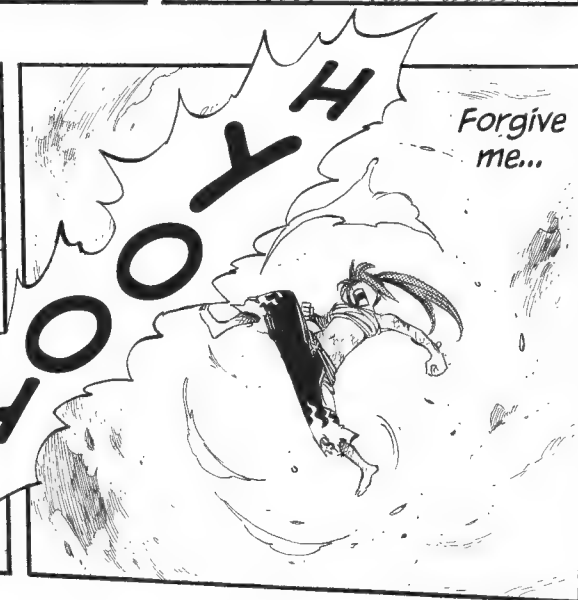


So
that's
how it
is...

I
see...



I was
mistaken.



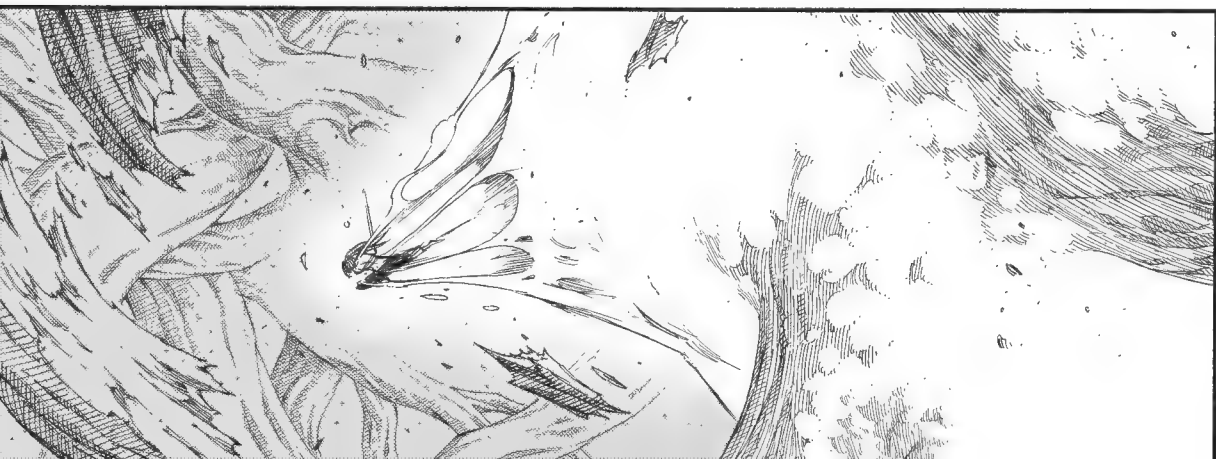
Forgive
me...



!!!



I seem to have
forgotten the
most important
thing.





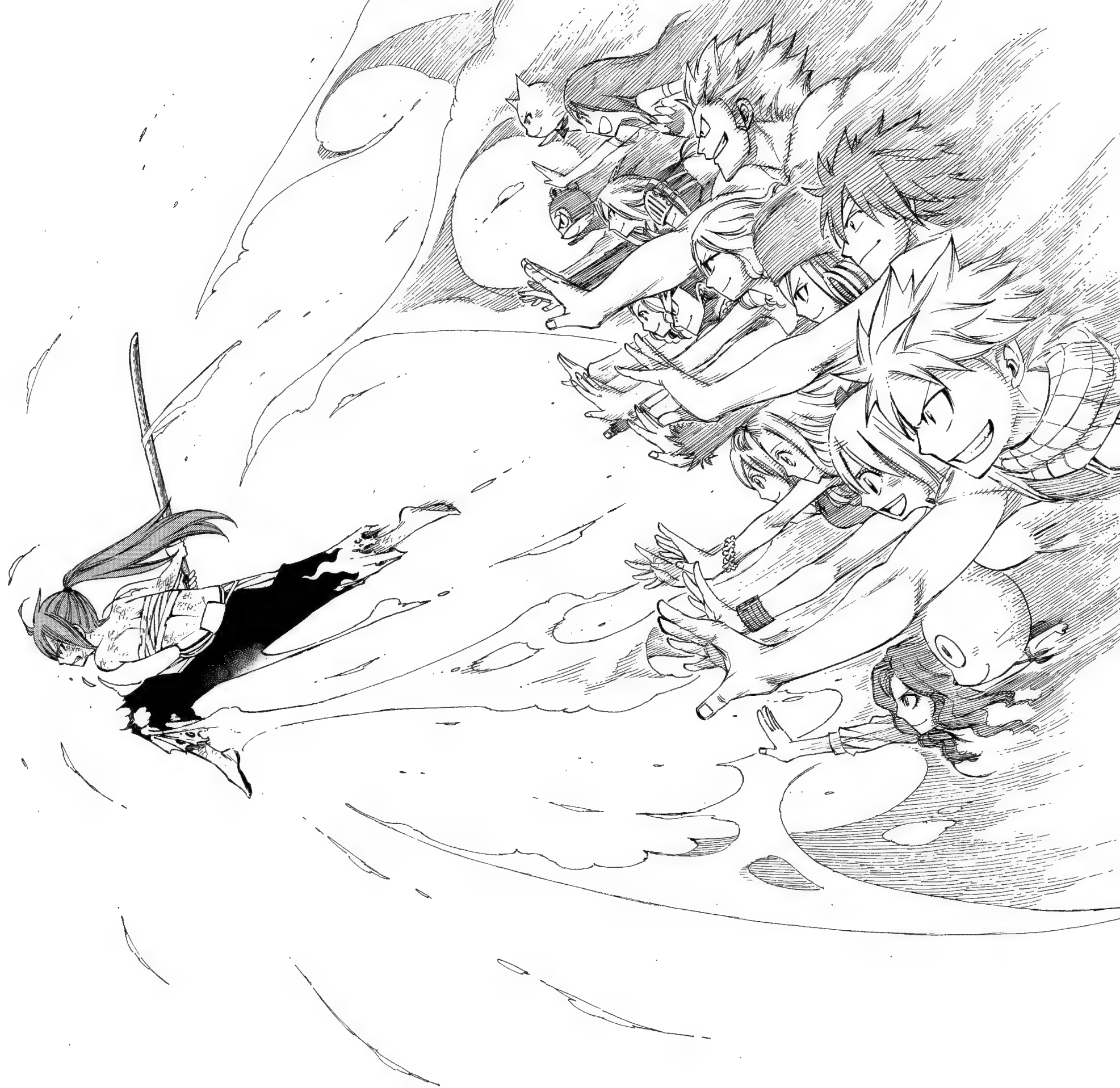
Wha
...?!



What I am
doing is not
protecting
all of my
friends.



Wh-
What is
this...?!



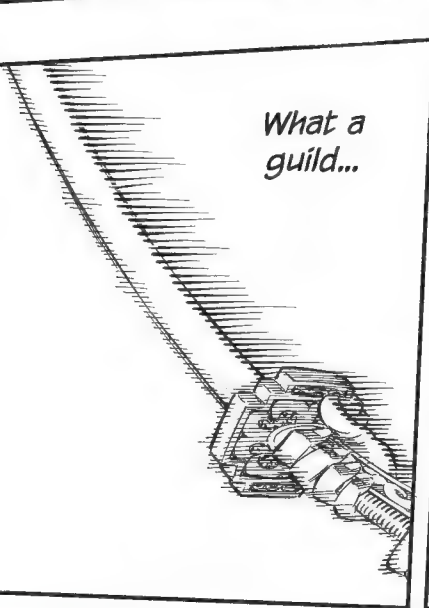


***They have
always been
the ones
protecting
me!!!!***

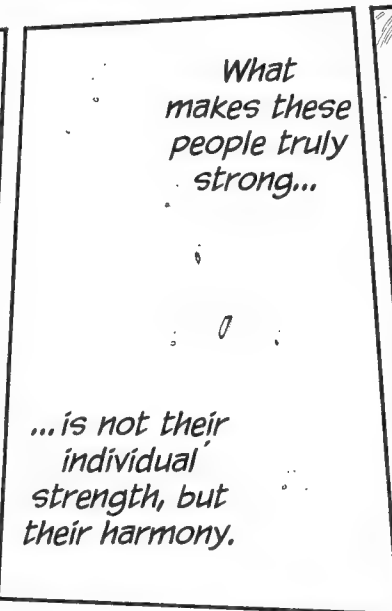


*...but in
fact...it was
granting her
its divine
protection?*

*The magic of
Sirius Island
should be under
my complete
control...*



*What a
guild...*



*What
makes these
people truly
strong...*

*...is not their
individual
strength, but
their harmony.*



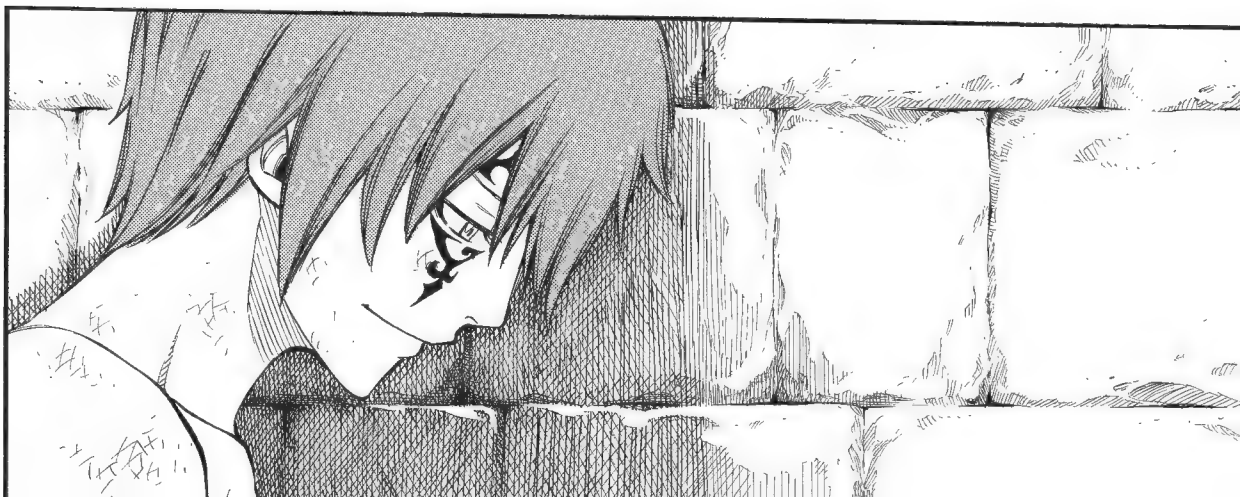
Faith...

*...bonds of
(friendship...*



EXCELLENT.



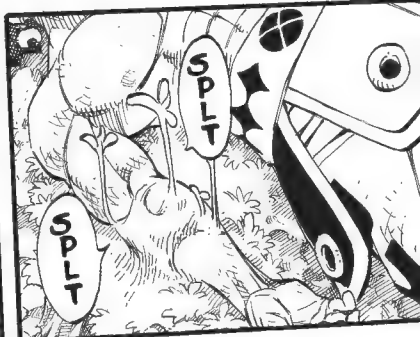


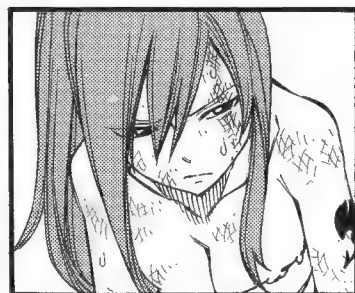
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 238: At One Time









Why would you people be so fervent in the search for Zeref?



She is a frightening woman.

So it makes sense that Master Hades places such trust in her.



To get closer to the One Magic... perhaps.

For magic from the dawn of the world!



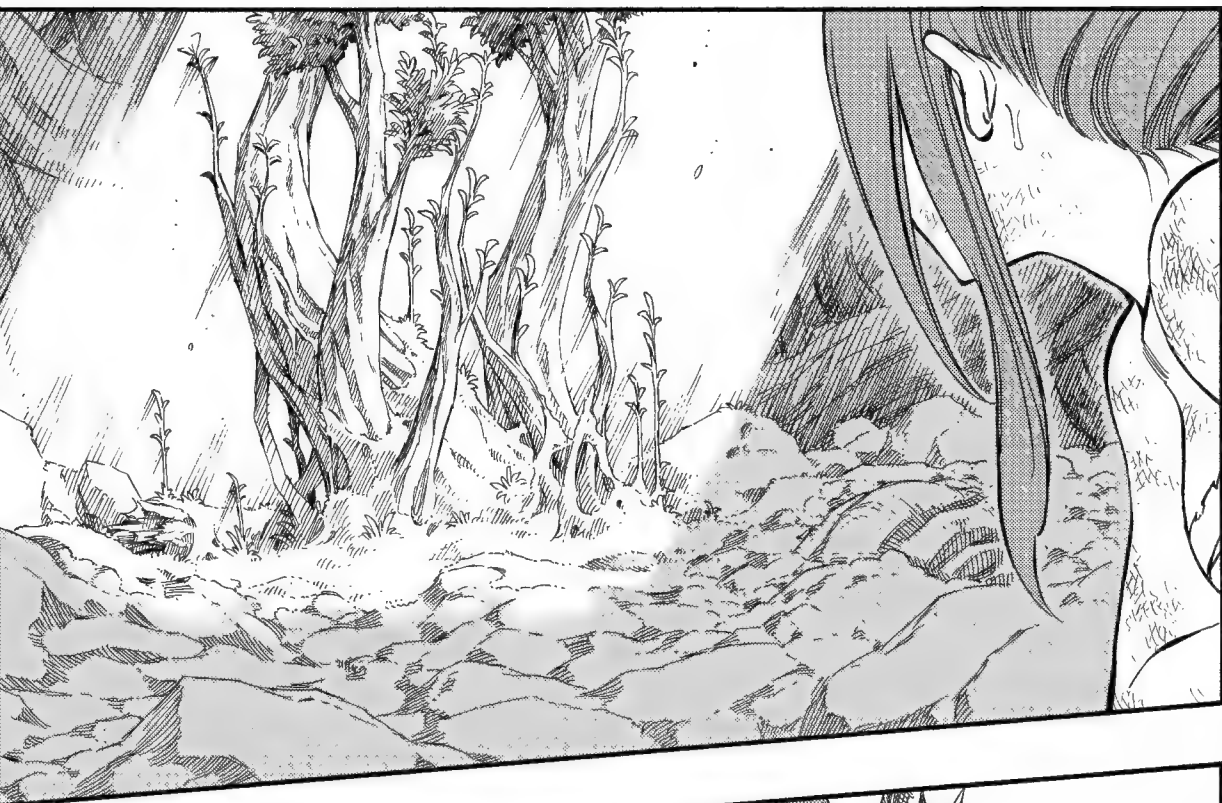
Jellal had a dream of "heaven."



Once you've got it, what happens then?!!



The One Magic?







What's wrong, Azuma?!! Their magic has gone back to where it was!!



Maybe this strange phenomenon...

...is what's delaying Carla's group!



Whatever it was, our magic is back to normal now!

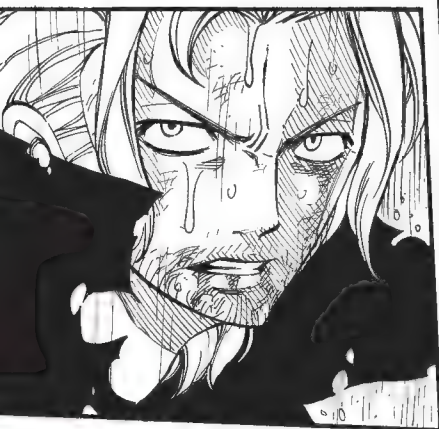
What was that, do you think?



This isn't a fair fight.

Even the great Gildarts had his power sucked out!!





OHHAH
!!

Just let me
act cool in
front of those
kids, got it?!



It's about
time we
both got
serious
about
this!

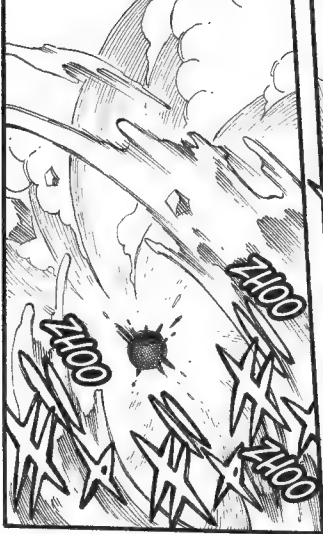


I want
our
fight to
fly even
more
!!!!

That's
good! That's
real good,
Gildarts
!!!!



**BLACK
HOLE
!!!!**



...that
sucks
everything
into it!!

It's a
limitless
gravity
well...



Kh...

What is
that?!



Flyy
!!!!

Flyyy
!!!!

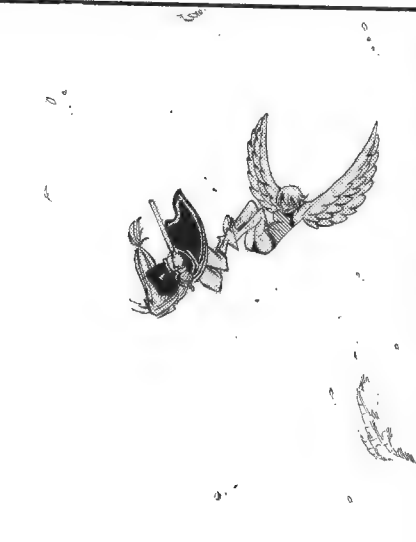
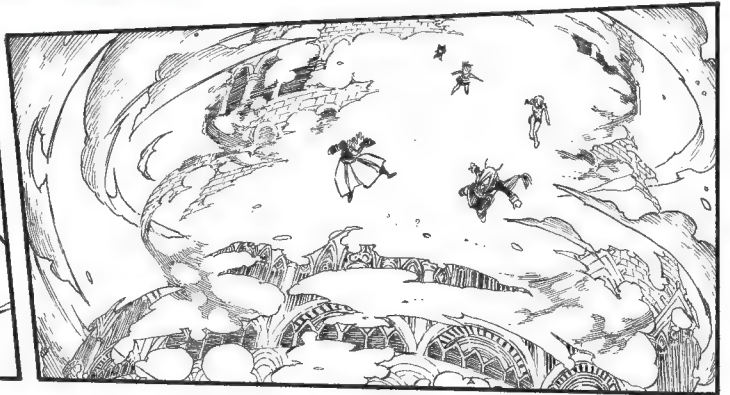


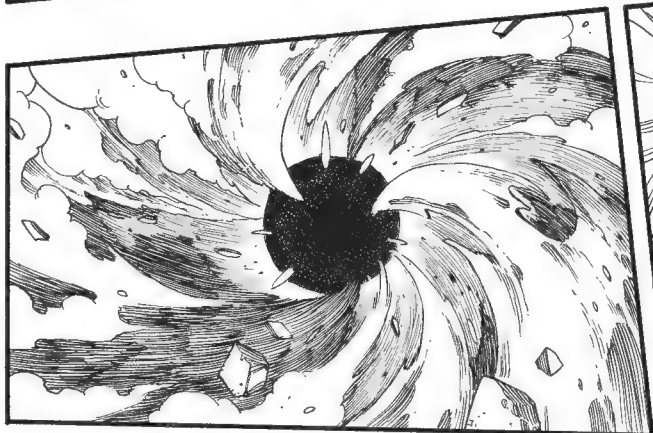
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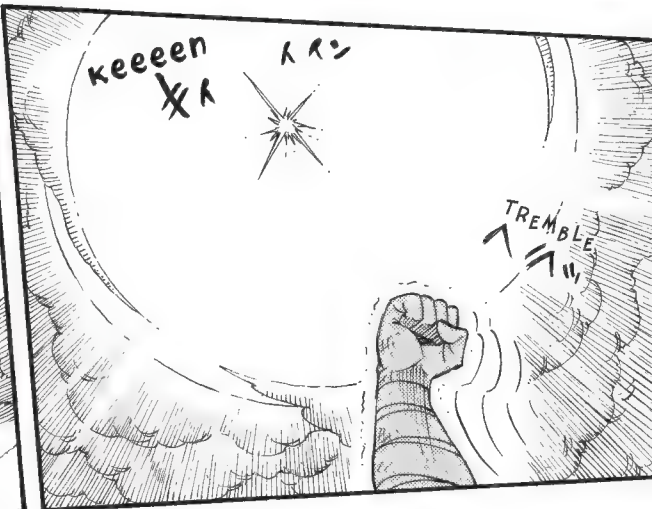
COME
FORTH!!!!
TOWER OF
DINGIR
!!!!



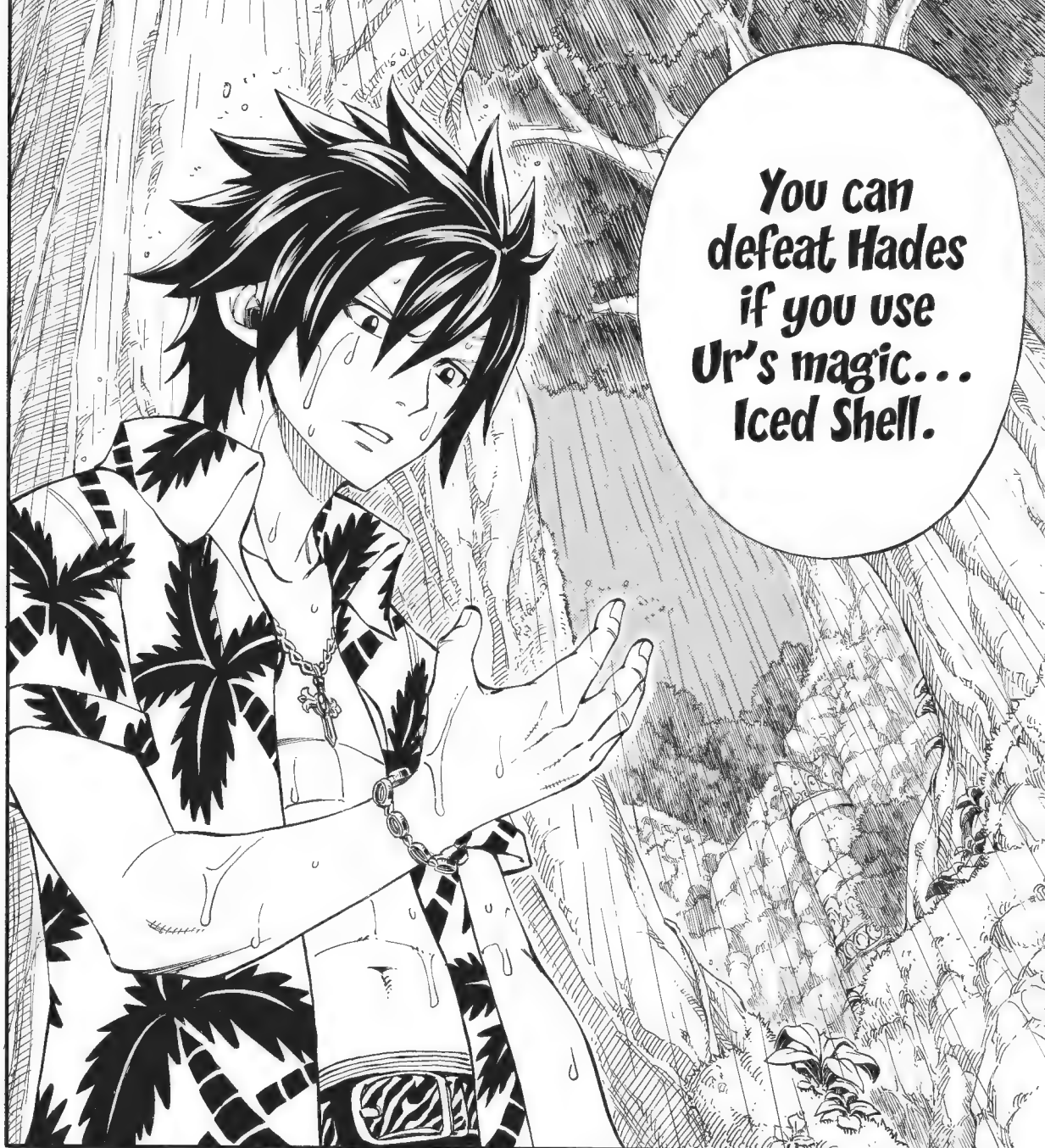












**You can
defeat Hades
if you use
Ur's magic...
Iced Shell.**



**You are the
only one who
can grant
Ur's wish and
mine!**

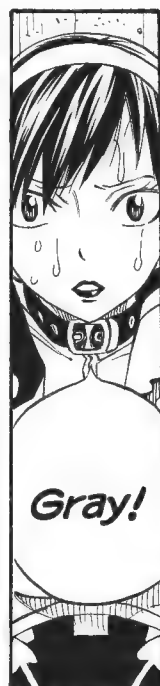
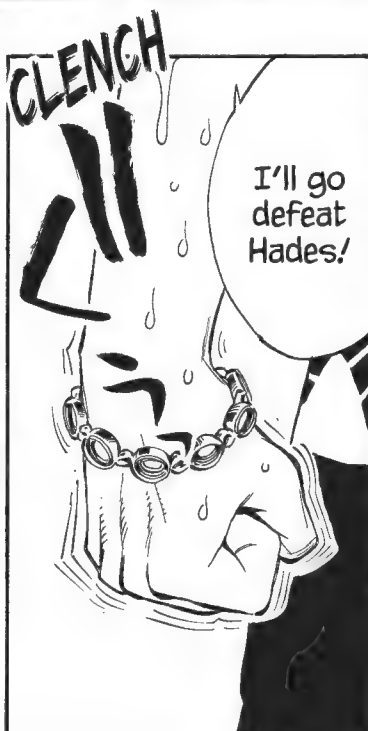
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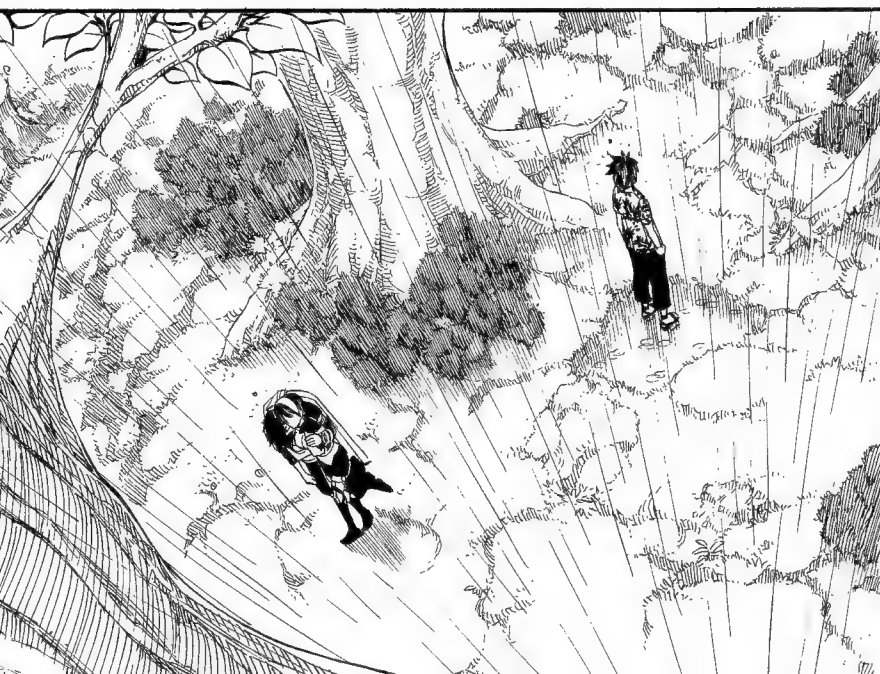
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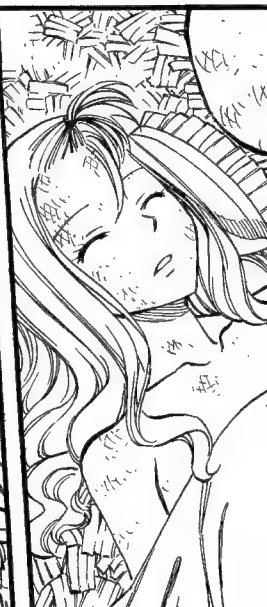
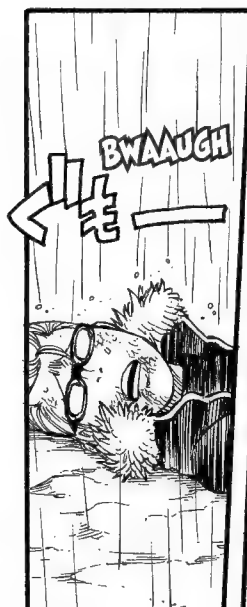


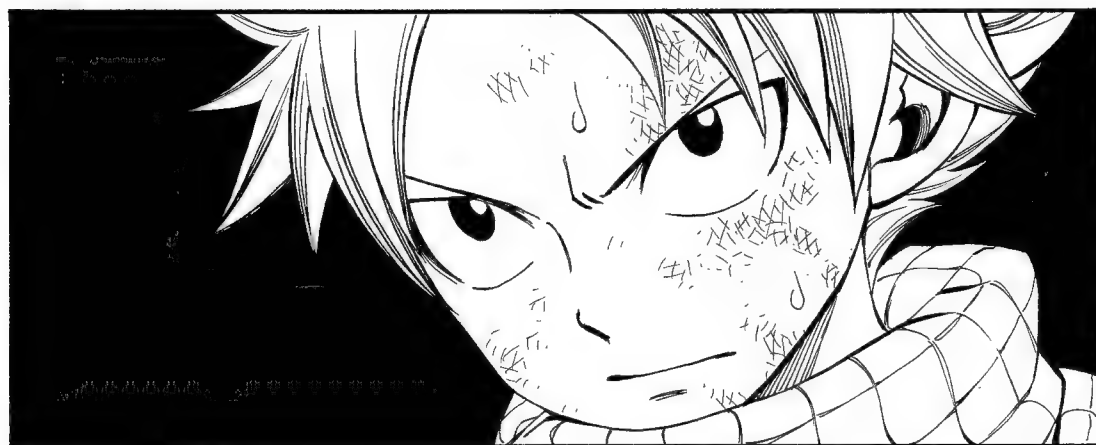
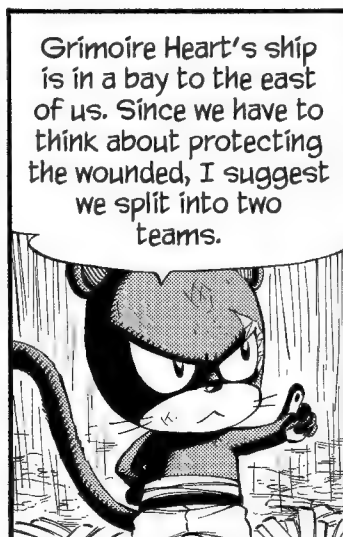
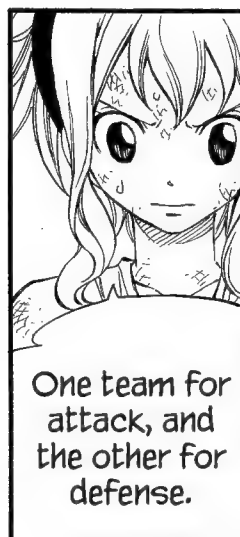




Thank you.









That man
couldn't
be...

He
is...

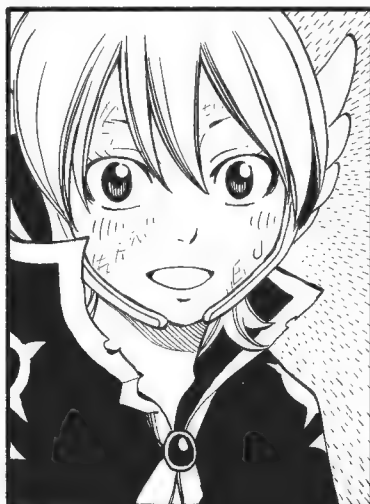


Ultear
...?

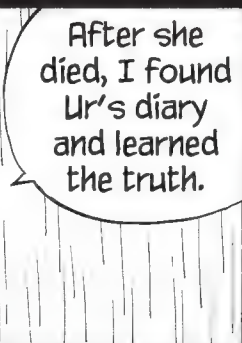
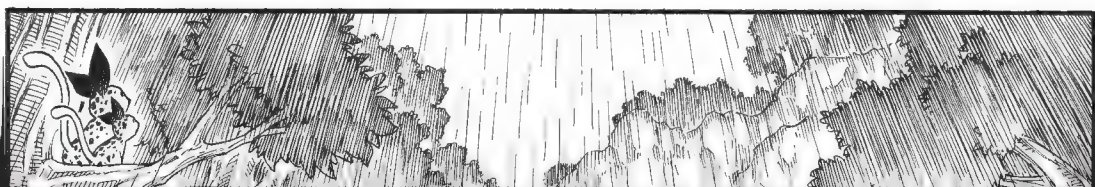
Ur...



Merudy!



Zeref.





Ur already
knew that, and
that is why she
perfected
Iced Shell.

However,
the magic
of Hades
was greater
than I had
imagined.



...even
though I
have Ur's
blood
flowing in
my veins.

I could
never
master
it...

Iced
Shell?!



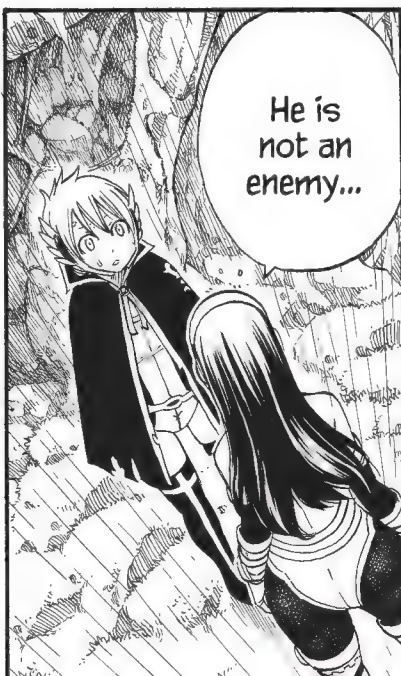
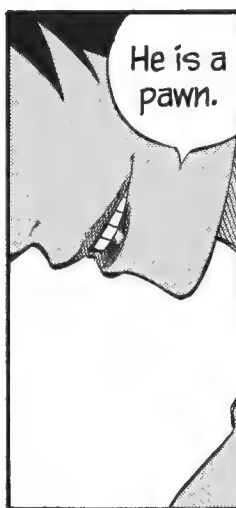
...and that
magic
is Iced
Shell!!!

As far as I
know, there
is only one
magic that
will defeat
Hades...



Please
don't worry
about
Zeref.





Ah
ha
ha
ha
ha
ha!!



Heh!

I mean,
who would
fall for a lie I
made up on
the spot like
that?

No normal person!

**And
if it works
out, it'll take
out both Gray
and Hades
at the same
time!!!!**

**I couldn't
think up
a better
plan if I
tried!!!!**

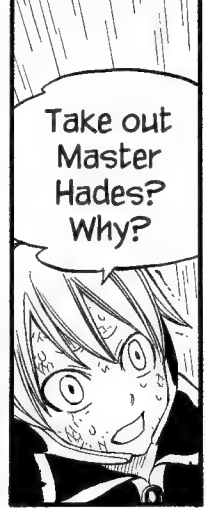


Isn't this wonderful?
To have both Gray
and Hades
dancing to
my tune?



You'd
deceive
Master
Hades?

Zeref
belongs to
us!



Take out
Master
Hades?
Why?



He is
mine
and
mine
alone
!!!!

I will
never give
Zeref
away to
anyone
!!!!



Yes
...

And before
that eye
turns to us,
we should
leave the
island.



Still, he might
be good enough
to keep Hades's
eye elsewhere for
a bit.

It'd be
too much to
expect Gray
to actually
win that
fight.

Ah, I
shouldn't
indulge
myself.





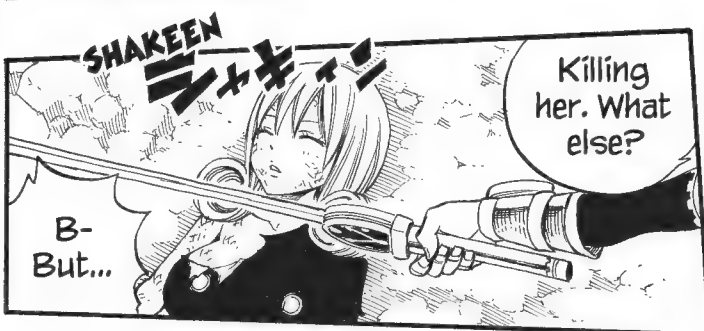
What's with this woman?

!

Juvia. She's close to Gray.



Hmm?



Killing her. What else?



What are you doing ...?!!



...but even if you, by some slim chance, survive, I'll make sure your loved ones don't make it!!!



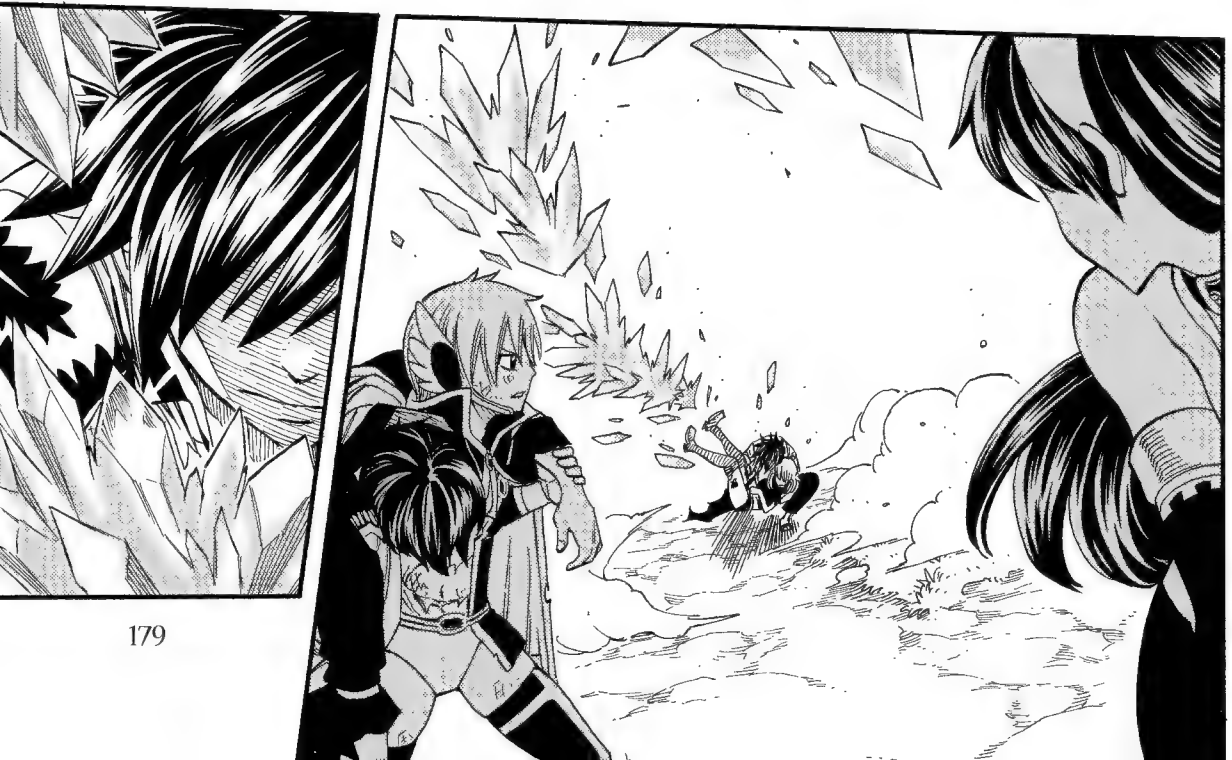
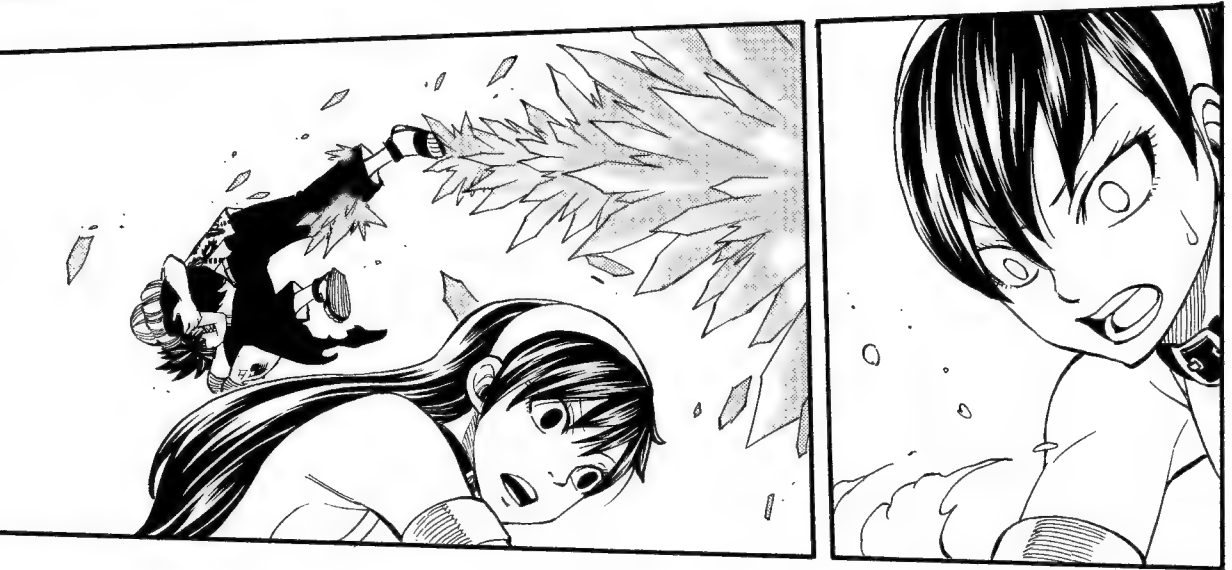
You may be crushed by Hades or die using Iced Shell...

I will leave you with no future, Gray!



She has no will to fight left...

Silence!







I figured this would happen.



Gray
!!!

When did you catch on, I wonder?



Well... I'm surprised.



You're a bad boy.

I see... So you acted as if you believed me to find out my true intentions.



I didn't believe a word you said from the start!



It doesn't matter if it is Ur's will!

I've got a will of my own!!



I stopped you before because I didn't want you to die.

Didn't you hear me then?!!

I decided a while back never to try using that magic again.





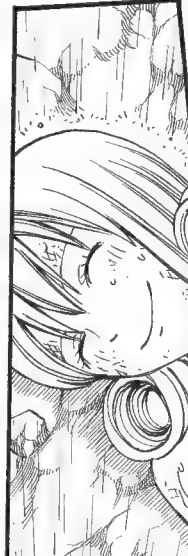
**My
friends
and I are
walking
the path
that lets
us live!!!!**



I figured
you'd do
anything
for a pretty
face.

Oh, for
pity's
sake.

For a
moment, I
thought you
might even be
able to take
out Hades
for me.



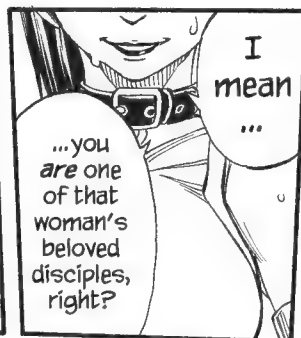
Live...



B-
B
M
P



HEH
HEH
HEH...



I
mean
...

...you
are one
of that
woman's
beloved
disciples,
right?



Actually
...

...I never
did wish
for a battle
between
us.

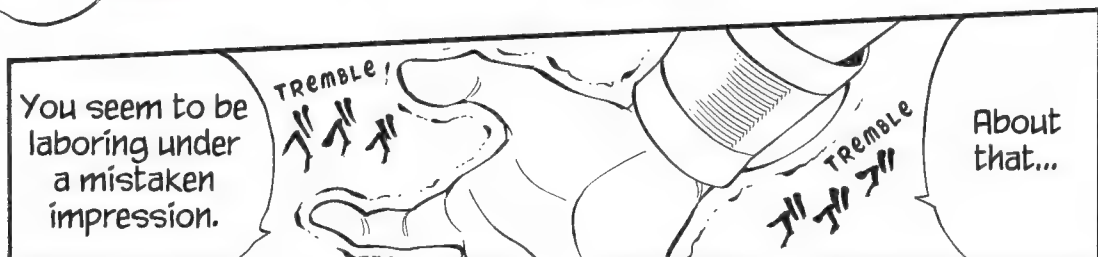


I'll teach
you the
lesson you
never got
from your
mother!!!

Do what
you will,
you ingrate
daughter!!



But now I
think I may
just give you
the most
cruel death
possible!!



You seem to be
laboring under
a mistaken
impression.

Tremble!
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About
that...

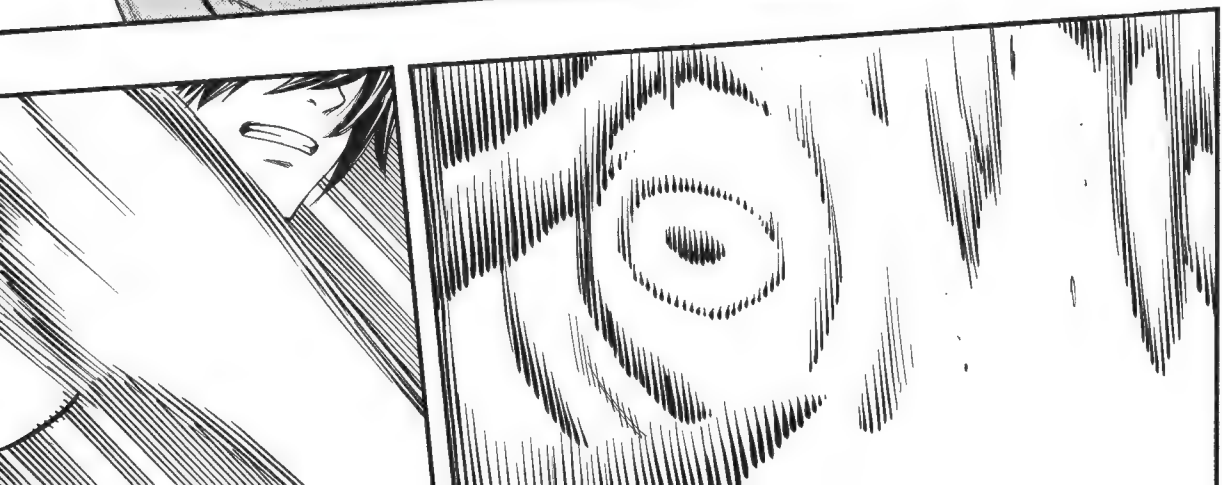




*I am the
leader of the
Seven Kin of
Purgatory
!!!*

A puny
minion like
you could
never
hope...







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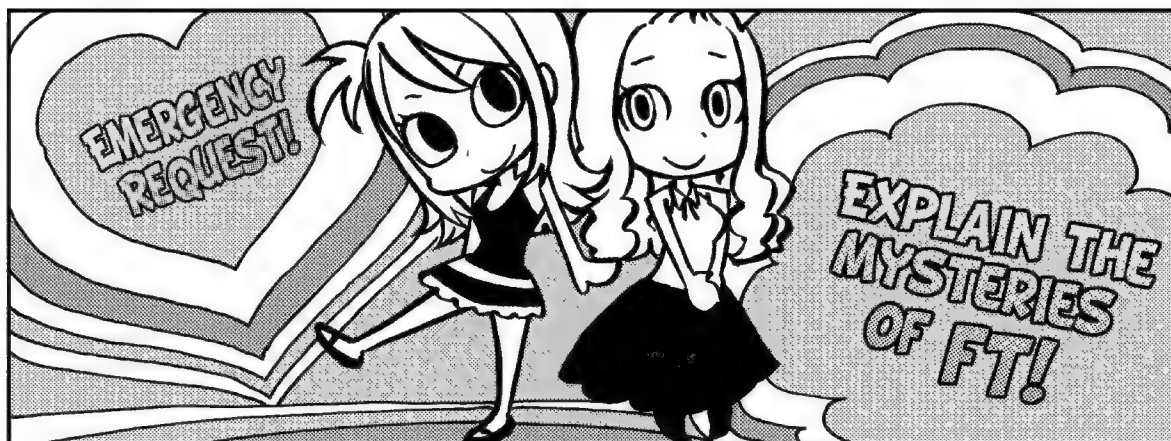
Afterword



There were a lot of drawing mistakes this time. Maybe I shouldn't limit it to "this time." But I had an especially hard time remembering to add in the pattern in Azuma's hair. (Hey!) I tried to fix all the ones that I managed to notice, but I may have missed a few... (cries). I get the feeling that I've told you how I've forgotten to add in characters' patterns or accessories before, but one reason I forget them is the person in charge of adding those patterns keeps changing. Sometimes I get caught up in it and add them myself then and there, and sometimes I save it for later, and sometimes I ask my staff to handle particularly tricky patterns. And sometimes I just forget. At the very worst times I find myself thinking, "Huh? What pattern went with this person anyway?" I do take time to check over my pages every time, but there are a lot of times when I've got other worries on my mind, and that ruins my concentration, so I manage to miss such things. Even though every time...every time I vow to be more careful on the next check!

They often compare manga creators to directors, and I have to admit that I agree with that assessment. Still, not every manga creator could make movies. But I'm talking about "total direction." He draws the *neemu* (which are like storyboards), writes the story and the dialog, maps out the pictures (camera angles), and when he draws, he includes the character layout (positioning), actions (blocking and expressions), backgrounds, props, lines of action, sound effects, lighting... It's all decided by one person. And even when the creator has staff working for him, it's the manga creator who gives the marching orders. In other words, the creator has a lot to do. And it's for that reason that creators sometimes put off applying the patterns until later or delegate it to their staff and then miss it in the checking stage.

I think the worst mistake I ever made was drawing a color picture of Lucy where she's showing the reader the Fairy Tail guild mark that she has on her hand, and I **forgot to draw the mark!** (Aw, man!)



In the Magnolia Shopping District...

Lucy: Good morning, everybody!

Mira: Hello, people.

Lucy: Our corner today is for those fans who are real nerds.

Mira: Those who aren't can simply skip this column.



: This is the question!!

How are Fairy Tail's color pages painted?



: I-I certainly do wonder about that, but for this we should have Mashima-sensei himself to drone on and on about the subject. Not that he's very good at it...



: You probably shouldn't be saying that...



: And so, here I am to answer the question!

Mira: See? Here he is!!

Mash: I personally would divide my color illustrations into two big groups.

One is drawing with a kind of marker called COPIC where I apply the colors directly to the drawing. The other is to use computer software to apply the colors digitally. Recently, I've been pretty much exclusively using the computer method, so that's the one I'll describe here.

Lucy: That was long!

Mash: First, I do a drawing on paper and trace it using pens or mechanical pencils to produce the line work. Then, I scan in the line work to my PC at a resolution of 300-400 dpi.

Lucy: You lost me after the word "first"...

Mira: Think of "resolution" like this: the higher the number, the more detail.

Mash: Once it's in a data file, I sharpen the image, cleaning up spots and such.

Lucy: Clean up? How do you do that?

Mash: Once it's on the PC, you can subtract whatever line you like at will. You erase it using a tool called "eraser."

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When I've finished the PC-based line work, I make a copy and use that as the uppermost layer and paint it in the software's jōsan ("multiply") mode.



: Can I go home now?

Mash: Kind of like this:

Layer 1		Copy of the line work	Multiply
Layer 2		Layer for Coloring	Normal
Canvas		Line work	

Mira: What is a layer?

Mash: Layering means putting things on different levels, so that, for example, the additional colors don't destroy the line work.



Lucy: Are you saying it's easier to paint the colors after you've separated everything out of the original picture?

Mash: You could say that. The more complicated the picture, the more layers you use to paint it. There are rare instances where everything can be done on one layer, though.

Mira: What does it mean to have that copy of the line work as "multiply"?

Mash: It'd take a while to explain the theory behind it, but the basic idea is that, by placing a "Multiply" as the top layer, you can fill in the colors without disturbing the lines.

Lucy: Which means you use the mode without a clue as to the theory behind it, right?

Mash: Actually, there's no absolutely correct way to paint in colors using a PC. Everybody uses his or her own personal methods, or so I hear.

Mira: So how are the colors painted?

Mash: In some cases I use the default brushes that are installed with the software, and in other cases, I used custom brushes that I downloaded. You can choose your own transparency and brightness on the brush, so you paint while adjusting those parameters.



: I hate to bring this up so late in the discussion, but isn't it hard to describe the process of coloring when the explanation is on a black-and-white page? I'm not getting it at all.



: **GONG!!**



: But for any of you who are interested in drawing, if this helped even a little bit, it would make us very happy.

Mash: Urk... I-I really wanted to get into this in more detail...

Lucy: I'm sure you'll get a chance to somewhere, somehow. (Assuming you ever get better at it.)

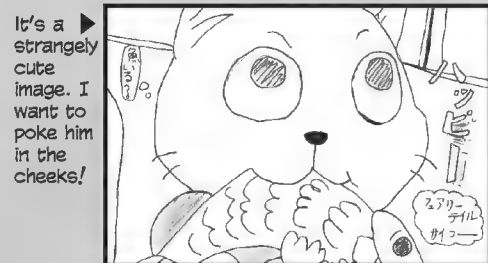
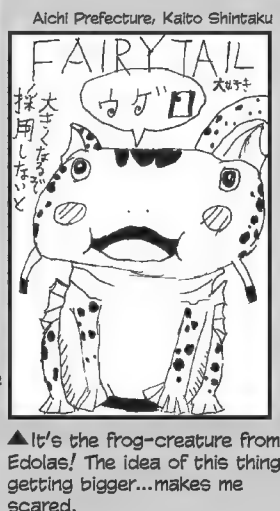
Mash: I-I'll do my best!

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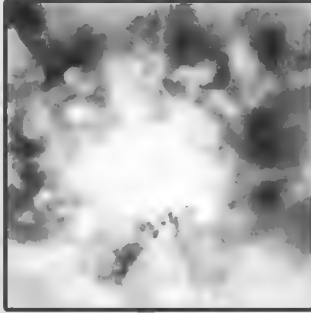


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FROM HIRO NASHIMA



There have been ten opening and ending songs recorded for the first five seasons of the Fairy Tail anime, and a compilation album of them has just gone on sale in Japan! A huge number of them are really wonderful tunes! Some of the artists have also written original works especially for Fairy Tail, so I can't do much else but bow down in gratitude. I mean, I'd have just been happy if they had simply lent a song of theirs to the story, but for going the extra distance, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation. Thank you so much!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 89, Brittia's Ghosts

The island of Brittia is described by the Byzantine historian Procopius in the sixth century A.D. He describes the island as a place where the souls of the northern European tribes go after they have died.

Page 114,

Folium Sica

Azuma's attack names seem to be of Latin origin. *Folium* is Latin for leaf (and is the origin for the English word, "foliage") and *sica* is a kind of long knife used in Roman times for battle. The Japanese version agrees with that since the Japanese writing reads *ha no ken* ("Leaf Sword").



Page 114,

Ramus Sica

Like *Folium Sica*, this attack name comes from the Latin language. *Ramus* is Latin for branch, and *sica*, as mentioned above, is a knife weapon. This agrees with the Japanese writing in the Japanese version since *eda no ken* means "Branch Sword."



Page 123, Terra Clamare

Like Azuma's other attacks, this name seems to be based in the Latin language. The Japanese version of the manga had this attack name in Japanese as *daichi no sakebi* (Cry of the Earth) with a *katakana* pronunciation guide of *tera kuramaare*. That would be how the Japanese would pronounce the Latin words *terra*, which means Earth, and *clamare*, which is Latin for invocation.



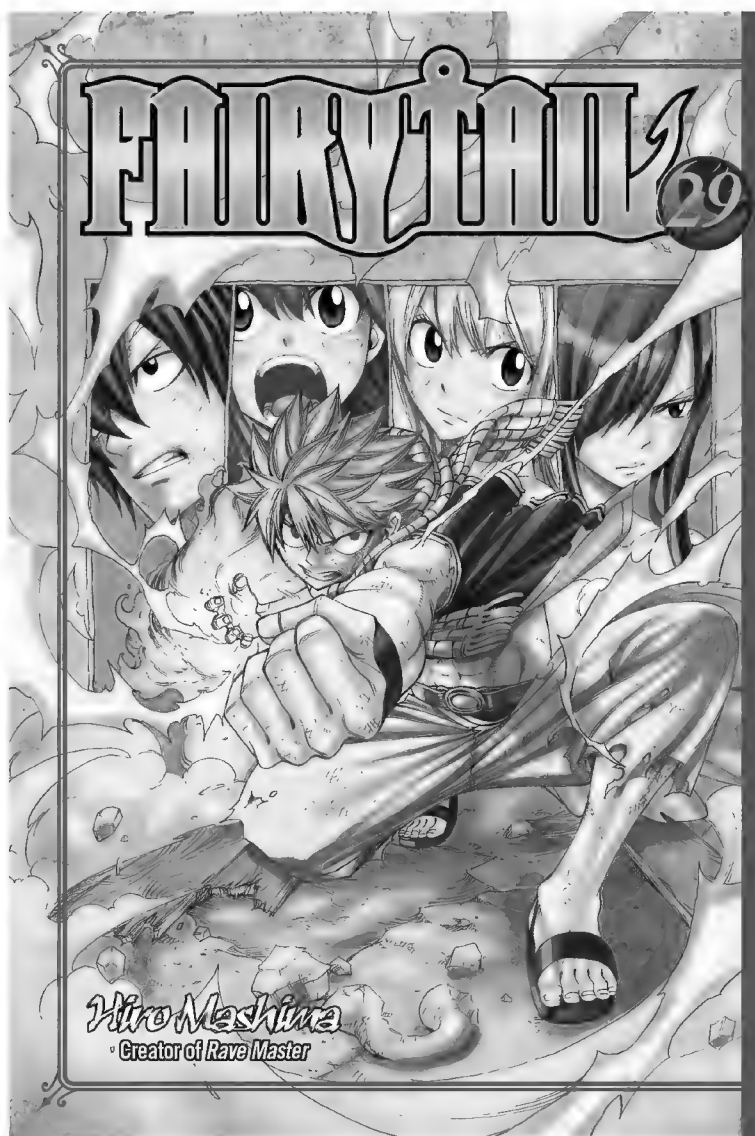
Page 156, Tower of Dingir

Although the Japanese version does not specifically designate what Dingir means, a cuneiform character from both ancient Sumerian and Assyrian has the same pronunciation and a meaning that seems to fit. In both ancient languages, Dingir means "deity," so a translation of the name of this attack would be "Tower of God" or "Tower of the Gods."

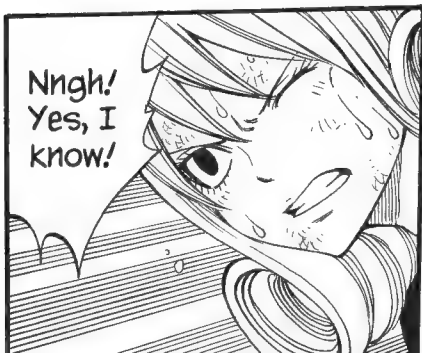
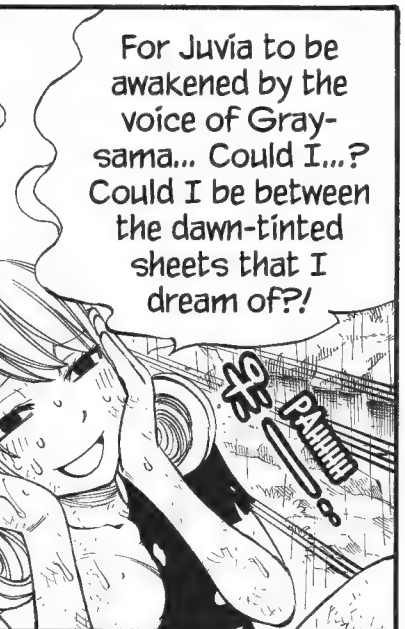


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Eeeeeeeeee!

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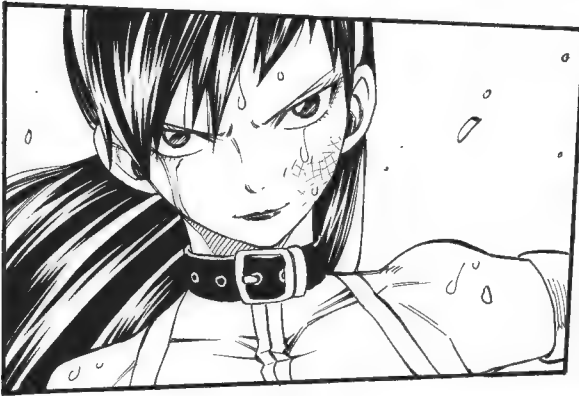
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When it comes to Gray-sama's commands, pain is as nothing to Juvia!

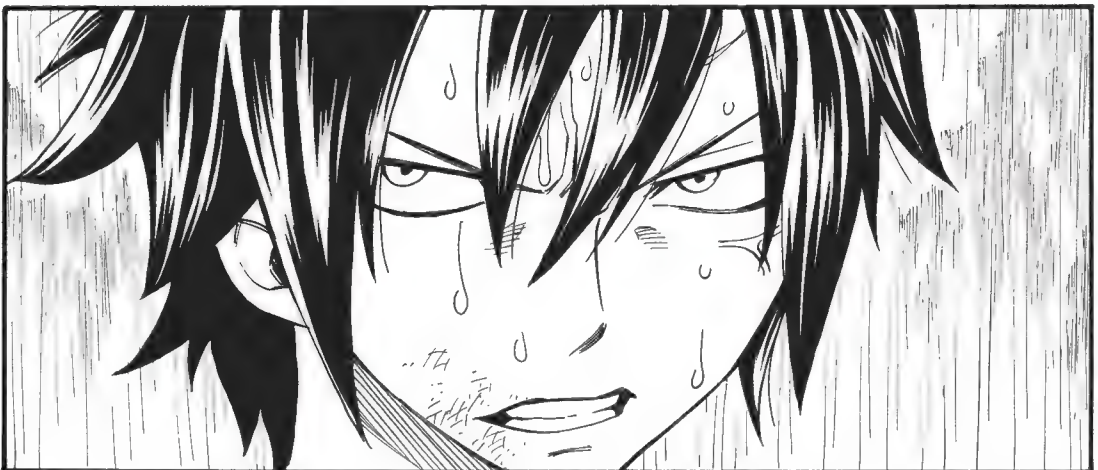
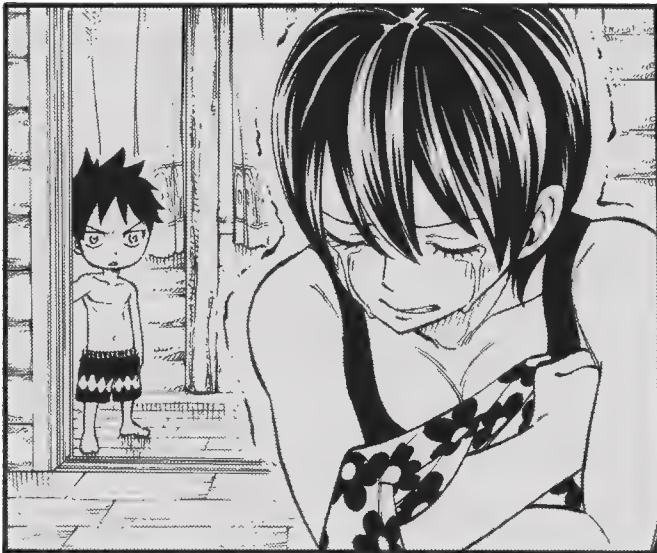
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